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OF THE HISTORIE
OF LAZARILLO
DE TORMES.

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a Castilian.

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Mr. ROBERT STANLEY,

And

The Lady ANNE CARRE:

The Hopefull Issue of the Truly
Noble *William*, Earle of *Darby*, and his
vertuous Countesse *Elizabeth*, a
fruitfull Branch of the Ancient
and Illustrious House of
OXFORD.

T. W. in humble acknowledgement
of his Duty and Service to their
Parents, themselves, and both the
Families from whence they
are derived,

Dedicateth this strangely recouered
Continuation of the pleasant
History of LAZARILLO
DE TORNEL.



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CARTA

DEDICATORIA

Al Ilustrissimo y excellentissimo
Senhor Don Roberto Car de Alerant,
Cauallero titulado, y de la Camara Priua-
da, gran Tesorero de cosas extraordina-
rias de su Alteça el Principe de
GALLES.

Ilustriss. y excellentiss. Senhor:

DOs cosas me han
mouido a dedicar
a V. S. esta obra:
la vna y mas prin-
cipal es, para monstrar en al-
go la voluntad que tengo de
seruir a quien por tantos titu-
los lo merece, y a quien estoy
tan obligado. La otra para

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Arrimar al pobre Lázaro a la sombra, y amparo de quien con su autoridad lo defienda, con su virtud lo adorne, y con su sauiduria lo califique. Las verdades desnudas y sin rebo-
ço que este libro dize, le han hecho passar por el fuego, para que acrisolado llegasse a las manos de V.ª Señoria. He lo hecho traducir en Ingles, fiel, y literalmente, para que se manifieste su inocencia, y vea que en el no ay cosa que passe les limites de vna honesta, licita y loable recreacion: antes es vna centinela que descubre de lejos los enemigos, y muestra los tropieços y barrancos, en
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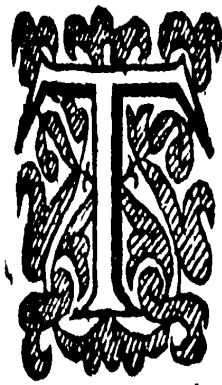
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que los ignorantes por falta de aduertencia caen, y tro-
pieçan. Supplico a V.ª S. le reciua con su clementia, y bondad acostumbrada, no echando a atreuimiento, lo que ha nacido del deseo que tengo de emplear mi vida, y fuerças, en seruicio de quien soy el mas humilde, y obediente de sus criados.

I. D E LVNA.



THE AVTHOR to the Reader.



He occasion (gentle Reader) of Printing the Second Part of Lazarillo de Tormes hath bin, that there came to my hands a little Pamphlet, which treats of his Life, without any likelihood of truth. The greatest part of it is stufte with telling how Lazaro fell into the Sea, where he was turned into a Fish called a Tunny, and lived there many yeeres, marrying with a shee Tunny, by whom he had Children, as much Fishes as the Father and Mother. It relateth also the warres that the Tunnies made, Lazaro being their Captaine, and many other Tales, as ridiculous

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diculous as false, and as ill grounded as foolish. And questionlesse, the Author of it had a minde to utter some foolish dreame, or some dreamed folly. That Booke (I say) hath been the first motiue, that hath moued me to bring to light this second Part, word for word, without adding or diminishing, as I haue seen it written in certain scrolles kept in the Treasury of Records of the Beggars of Toledo, and as I haue heard it a hundred times told by my Granmother, and Aunts, by the fireside in the winter nights, and with the which my Nurse hath weaned me. For the better confirmation, I remember how they and others of our neighbours would dispute, How it could be possible that Lazaro could bee so long under water (as is said in this second Part) without drowning? Some held pro, and the others, con. The first quoted Lazaro himselfe; who said, That the water could not get into him, by reason that

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that he was filled and crammed up to the very mouth. A good old man, well skild in swimming, to proue that to be an easie matter, interposed his authority, affirming, That hee had scene a man, who going to swimme in the riuer Tagus, diued under water, and remained in certaine Caues from Sunneset untill next morning, that by the Sun-shine he did find the way out: and when as his Parents and friends were weary of bewailing and seeking his Body, to giue it buriall, he came forth safe and sound. The other difficulty, that they found in his life, was, That nobody did take Lazaro for a man, and that as many as saw him, should take him for a Fish. To this answered a good Canon, (who by reason that he was very old, did commonly sit in the Sunne among the Distaffe-Spinners;) That it was most likely of all, as agreeing with the opinion of many ancient and moderne writers, as among others, Pliny, Aelian,

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Ælian, Aristotle, Albertus Magnus, who affirme, That there are certaine Fishes in the Sea, the Males they call Tritons, & the females Nereides, and all of them Sea-men, who from the girdle upward haue the shape of perfect Men, and from thence downward of Fishes. And I say, that although that opinion had not beene defended by so well approved Authors, yet the Licence that the Fishermen had from the Lords Inquiritors, might suffice to excuse the Spanish ignorance, seeing it had been a case of Inquisition to haue doubted of a matter which their Lordships had consented should be strange for such. And to this purpose (though out of my compasse) I will relate an accident that befell a labouring man of my Country: which was, That one of the Inquiritors hauing sent for him, to begge some of his Peares of him, which hee had heard were excellent; the poore Clowne

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not knowing why his Lordship should send for him, was so skared, that hee fell sicke upon it, till that by the meanes of a friend of his, hee understood the businesse: And then presently starting from his Bed, hee ranne into his Garden, pluckt up the Tree by the roote, and presently sent it with the Fruit, saying, hee would not keepe in his house an occasion for their Lordships to send for him another time; so great is the feare that not onely labouring men, and the baser sort of people, but even the Lords and Grands haue of them. All of them tremble when they heare these words, Inquistor, and Inquisition, more than the Leaues upon the Tree with the gentle Zephirus. This is that which I haue beene willing to warne the Reader of, that he may be the readier to answer, when such questions shall bee propounded in his presence.

to the Reader.

if hee accept the Second Part, let
him expect the Third, with the Death
and Testmaent of Lazarillo; which
is the best of all: If not, hee
may at least receive my
good will. Fare-
well.

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cient Chronicles of
Toledo.

CHAP. I.

*In the which, Lazaro telleth how hee
parted from Toledo, to goe to the
warres of Argiers.*

 Ho hath the best,
and worst doth loue;
must not bee grieu'd
if worst hee proue.
I speake it to this
purpose, that I neither could nor
would containe my selfe in that
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good course which Fortune had offered me: Change being in me as an inleparable accident, that accompanied me as well in my best and plenteous, as in my worst and disastrous fortunes; enjoying then the happiest life that euer Patriarch did, eating like an invited Fryer, drinking more than at a Gossiping, better clothed than a Iesuite, and with two round dozens of Ryals in my Purse; surer than any Huckster of *Madrid*; my House full, as a Bee-hiue; a daughter, got in *Capricorne*; and an Office, which the Dogwhipper of the Cathedral Church of *Toledo* might well haue enuyed: Newes came of the Expedition for *Argiers*, which disquieted me very much, & made me determine (as a good sonne) to follow the steps and tracke of my good father *Thomas Gonzales* (whom God absolue) with a desire to leaue

to poster ages a pattern and example, not to lead a crafty blinde man, pick the loafe of a couetous Priest, serue a needy thredbare Squire, & lastly, to proclaime the faults of other men: but to open the eyes of *Moors*, blinded with errors, to sink and batter the bold and Pyraticall Nauie; to serue a valiant Captaine, of the order of *S. Iohn*; with whom I placed my selfe Butler, vpon this condition, That whatsoeuer I should get in warre, should be mine owne, as it was; and lastly, the pattern and example that I meant to leaue, was to encourage & animate, in crying *S. Iames*, and, Stand to it *Spain*. I took leaue of my welbeloued wife, and of my deare daughter: the one intreated me not to forget to bring her a little *Blackamore*; the other desired me to be mindfull to send her by the first Carrier a Slaue, to wait vpon her, & some *Barbary Cecchines*

with which she might comfort her selfe in my absence. I asked leaue of the Arch-Priest my Master, to whose care and custodie I committed both my Wife, and Daughter, who promised mee to deale with them in no worse manner, than if they had beene his owne. I parted from *Toledo* iouiall, itately, and content, (as all are that goe to the Warres) putt vp with glorious hopes, accompanied with a great number of friends, and neighbours, that went the same Voyage, carried with a desire of bettering their fortune. Wee came to *Maria*, with intention to goe shippe our selues at *Cartagena*: where, there befell mee that which I little wished, to make me know, that Fortune, who had set me on the toppe of her vnconstant Wheele, and aduanced me to the highest degree of earthly felicitie, began already (in her swift

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course) to hurle me downe headlong to the lowest. The chaunce was, that comming to our Lodgings, I say a femy-man, who seemed rather a hee Goat, by reason of his ragged and tottered Garments: his Hat was pulled downe ouer his eyes, so that I could by no meanes see his face; hee leaned his cheeke vpon his hand, and had his legge crosse ouer his Sword, which he wore in a halfe Scabbard made of Lifts: his Hat (right Beggars Blocke) had no crowne, the better to euaporate the humours of his head: his Doublet was of the *French* fashion, so cut and slasht with wearing, as there was not a piece left bigge enough, to wrap vp halfe a farthing worth of Cummin Seed in: his Shirt was of flesh, which might be seene through the Grate of his Garment; his Breeches were sutable: his Stockings,

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the one red, the other Greene, came scarce to his Anckles; his Shooes without Soles, were as good to bee drawne as carried. By a Cocks Feather which he wore in his Hat, I thought hee should be a Souldier: With this imagination, I asked him from whence he was, and whither hee went: He casting vp his eyes, to see who hee was that questioned him, straight knew me, and likewise I him; it was the Squire whom I had serued in *Toledo*: I was astonish'd to see him in such a pickle. Hee observing my amazement, said to mee; I maruell not (friend *Lazaro*) if thou doe'st wonder to see me in this equipage: but anon thou shalt leaue wondring, when I haue told thee what hath happened vnto me, since the time that I left thee in *Toledo* vntill now. Returning to my Lodging, with the change of my Pistolet to discharge

charge my Creditors; I met with a Woman, close wrapt vp in her Veyle; who pulling mee by the Cloake, with teares, and sighes, mingled with sobs, intreated mee earnestly to be fauourable vnto her in an vrgent necessitie. I bad her speake her grieve, which she should be longer in telling, than I in helping. Shee continuing her weeping, with a maidenly shamefastnesse said, that the courtesie which I was to doe her, and whereof she was to request me, was, to accompany her vnto *Madrid*, where shee was told that a Gentleman was, who not content to haue dishonoured her, had also robbed her of all her Iewels, without any regard to the promise of Marriage which hee had giuen her; and that if I would doe this for her, shee would doe for mee what a thankfull woman is obliged to doe.

I comforted her after the best manner that I could; giuing her this hope, that if her enemy were to be found in the Word, shee might hold her selfe already reuenged. To conclude, without any delay we set forward towards the Court, whitherto I bare all the charges. The good Damself (that knew well whither she went) carried me to a Band of Souldiers, who receiued her with all chearefulnesse, and brought her before the Captaine, to haue her inrolled for one of their Cockatrices: Then turning her selfe towards me, with a shamelesse and brazen countenance shee said, Farewell Master Lubber, I haue now no more need of you. I seeing my selfe thus gull'd, began to rage and foame at my mouth, telling her, that if she had beene a man, as well as shee was a woman, I would haue pulled her Soule vp
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by the roots out of her Body. A perry Souldier among the rest rose vp to me, and laying his hand vp on my face, made mee aduance a Baboones Snowt; not daring to giue me a boxe on the eare; which if shee had, his Graue might haue beene digged in the same place. When I saw the matter grow worse and worse, Mum said I, and went my way a little faster than ordinary, to try if some tall fellow or other durst haue followed mee, that wee might haue cut one anothers throat; for had I encountred with any of the baser stampe, and had killed him (as without doubt I had) what honour or what credite had I gotten? But if the Captaine had come forth, or some Swash-buckler, would haue giuen him more slashes than there is Sand in the Sea. When I perceived that none durst follow mee,
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I went away very well pleased. After that, I sought for a Service, and because I could find none such as one as I desired, I am as thou seest mee. The truth is, that I might haue bene Butler or Viner to his house: like Butcher-Wines; Officer, that though I were ready to starue, I would not accept of. Finally, my good Master said, that because hee could not meete with certaine Marchants of his Countrey, who would haue lent him Money, hee was without it, and knew not whither to goe that Night. I, that straight smelt his meaning, invited him to the halfe of my Bed, and Supper; which offer hee willingly accepted. As wee went to Bed, I desired him not to lay his Clothes vpon it, because it was too little for so much companie. The next morning, thinking to rise without

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any noise, I reached my hand to my Clothes, but I found *Blancko*: for the Slaue had stolne them, and was gone away with them. I thought verily I should haue dyed in my Bed for sorrow: and it had bene farre better for me, for then had I escaped the many deaths, which since I haue suffered. I beganne to cry as loud as I could, Theeues, Theeues; which those of the House hearing, came vp, and found me as a Swimmer new come out of the Water, seeking in euery corner of the Chamber something to couer me. They all fell a laughing, as if they had bene mad, and I a swearing like a Carman. I gaue to the diuell that Thiefe, and bragging Cheater, who halfe the night long had kept me awake, with telling me the greatnesse of his person and kindred. All the remedie that for that time I could finde (no body

body helping mee with a better) was to trie, if the Garments of that said Braggadocio could fit mee, till God had sent mee some others. But it was a Labyrinth; they had neither beginning, nor ending: there was no difference betwixt Breeches, and Ierkin. I thrust my Legges into the Sleeues, and wore the Breeches for a Doublet; not forgetting the Stockings, which seemed to bee some Chandlers drawing Sleeues: the Shooes were like Shackles about my Legges, because they wanted Soles. I blockt on the Hat, the Crowne downward, because it was lesse greasie. And as for the troopes that trauelled ouer me on foot and horsebacke, I let them passe. In this Habit went I to my Master, who had sent to call mee; who wondering to see such a skare Crow, fell into such a laughter, that

that his back-strings slackening, hee could hold no longer, but made flush; the which (for his credite) it is fitting ones tongue should passe ouer with silence. After a thousand stoppes, hee asked mee the reason of this Disguise; I told it him: and thereupon, in stead of taking pitie of mee, hee chid me; and turned mee out of doores, saying, That as then I had brought that man into my Bed, so another time, I would doe the like with some other, that would rob him.

CHAP. II.

*How Lazaro took shipping at
Cartagena.*

I Alwayes haue had a gift, not
to stay long with one Master;
no more did I with this, though
not by my fault. I saw my selfe
forsaken, alone, and distressed; in
such plight, as euery one would
thrust mee from him, gybing and
laughing at mee. One would tell
me, That Hat with a Back-doores;
is not much amiss; it lookes like
a Dutch-womans Cappe: Ano-
ther would say, That Doubler is
of the Fashion, it is like an Hog-
stye; and the rather, seeing your
Worship is in it: they runne so
thicke, that hee might kill them,
and send them salted to the good
Lady his Wife. A Snap-sacke-
bearer said to mee; Fore God, Sir

Lazaro, those Stockings make you
a very good Calse. Euery one did
so scotte and flout me, that I was
in minde to returne home againe,
but that I thought, that there
would be but poore Warres, if I
should not get more than I had
lost. That, that grieued me most,
was, that they fled from me as from
one that were infected. We tooke
shipping at *Cartagena*: the ship was
great, and well provided. They
hoisted vp the Sailes, and commit-
ted them to the Wind, which car-
ried it, & droue it with great swift-
nesse. The shore vanished from our
sight, and the Sea begun to swell
with a contrary Wind, which ray-
sed the Billowes vnto the Clouds.
The tempest increased, & our hope
diminished. The mariners & pilots
gaue vs ouer: The wayling & wee-
ping was so great, that me thought
we were at a good friday correction.
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The noyse was so great, that nothing of what was commanded, could bee vnderstood: The one runn'd to one place, the other to another: wee all seemed Braziers. Euery one confessed himselfe to whom he could: such there were as confessed themselves to a Punk; who gaue them the absolution after as good a manner, as if shee had exercised the Office many yeeres. It is good angling in a muddie Water: When I saw that they were all busie, I said to my selfe, Die then, and die full. And there-upon I went downe to the bottome of the Ship, where there was great store of Bread, Wine, Pasties, and Preserues, for no body said so much as, what make you here? I began to eate of all, and to fill my belly, that I might haue prouision enough till Doomes-day. In the meane time there came a Souldier

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to me, desiring me to shriue him: Who, amazed to see me with so good Cheere, and Appetite, asked me, How I could eate, seeing death before mine eyes? I answered him, That I did it for feare lest the Seawater, which I was to drinke in my drowning, should doe mee any harme. This my simplicitie, made him fetch a laugh from his heeles. Many confessed themselves to me, not able to vtter one true word for grieve and feare; nor I to hearken vnto them, for hast that I had to fill my selfe. The Captaines, and men of note, with two Priests that were there, saued themselves in the Cock-boat. I being ill apparelled, could not bee receiued into it. VVhen I had eaten my fill, I went mee to a Hogs-head of good VVine, and there powring downe my Throat as much as euer I could, I forgot both my selfe and the Tempest. The

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Ship ouerturned, and the Water came in, as in her home. A Corporall taking hold of both my hands amidst the pangs of death, desired me to heare a linne where of hee would confesse himselfe unto me; which was, That he had not fulfilled a Pennance which had bin enioyned him, to goe on Pilgrimage to our Lady of *Loreta*, hauing had many opportunities to effect it; and that then, when hee would, hee could not. I told him, that by the authority which I had receiued, I did change it him, and that in stead of going to our Lady of *Loreta* he should goe to *S. James*. Alas Sir (said hee) how willingly would I accomplish this Pennance; but already the water begins to get into my mouth so that I cannot. If it be so, said I againe, I enioyne you for your Pennance to drinke all the water of the Sea: but hee did not execute

execute it, by reason that there were others that drunke as much as hee. The water comming to my mouth, I cryed out, To another doore, for this cannot open; and although it had beene open, yet could it not haue entred, because my body was so full of Wine, that it lookt like a puffed Bladder. At the noyse of the cracking of the Ship, came a great quantitie of Fish, eating the flesh of the Wretches that were drowned (and not in a little Water) as if they fed in a Common. In the little time that I was a going to the bottome, and comming vp againe, I saw incredible things: An infinite number of Bones, and Bodies of Men; great store of Coffers, full of Money and Jewels, great quantitie of Armes, Silkes, Linnen, and Spices: I had a great mind to all, and it grieved me much, that I had it not all safe at home, with which (as a *Biscay* said)

I would eat my Bread printed with *Sardaines*. If I could but get out these Riches now, (said I to my selfe) no Inne-keeper in the world should fare more delicatly than I. I would build Houses, establish Reuenewes, and purchase a Garden in the *Zigarrales*. My Wife should stile her selfe Lady, and I Lordship: I would marry my daughter to the richest Cooke in my Countrey. Euery one would come and congratulate mee, and I would tell them, that I had wrought fairely, drawing my Wealth, not out of the entrailes of the Earth, but from the very heart of the Sea: not wet with sweat, but through wet with water, as any dryed *Poore-Iohn*. In all my life, I was neuer so content as then; not considering, that if I opened my mouth, I should remaine there buried with the Treasure, for euer and a day.

CHAP. III.

How Lazaro came out of the Sea.

Seeing my selfe so neere vnto my end, I feared; and so nigh the Treasure, I reioyced: Death affrighted me, the Treasure delighted mee. To shun that, since I could not enioy this, I rent off from my backe the ragges that the Squire my Master had left me, for the good seruices which I had done him, and began to swimme (though I had but very little skill therein) Necessity giuing Wings to my feet, and Oares to my hands. I know not how; a Cord fastened about my foot, which (as farre as I could perceiue) was tyed to a great Chest (without doubt, full of Jewels) which though I could, I would not vnloosen; imagining, whether

Zigarrales is a place in Toledo, where there are very pleasant Gardens.

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 my former thoughts might not
 haue beene some prophecie. But
 such was my bad lucke, that if all
 the prophecies in the World had
 promised me some happy and con-
 stant fortune, yet none of them had
 come to pass. As the Cord leng-
 thened, my hopes and ambition
 increased, beleeuing, that if I could
 but come ashore with it, I would
 draw and pull out of the Sea that
 great Chest, wherewith *Lazaro*
 should be more wealthy, and more
 respected, than *Prester Iohn* of the
Indies. The Fishes which were a-
 bout mee, came to bite mee, thrus-
 ting mee forward with their bobs,
 which were to mee as a Stirrop:
 And so they iogging, and I kic-
 king, wee came almost to the top
 of the Water, where there befell
 mee a chance, which was cause of
 all my misfortune. The Fishes
 and I ranne into a Net, which
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of Lazariillo de Tormes.
 certaine Fishermen had cast forth:
 who feeling a Draught, drew it vp
 with such violence (and the Water
 with no lesse, beginning to enter
 into me) that vnable to resist, I
 began to drowne, and could not
 haue escaped, if the Saylor (ac-
 cording to their accustomed haste)
 had not drawne vp the prey into
 their Boat. The Diuell take that
 filthy saour: in all my life time
 I neuer drunke worse stuffe; it ta-
 sted somewhat like the Worship-
 full Arch-Priest his Pisse, which
 once my Wife made mee drinke,
 telling mee it was Wine of *Oca-Ocana*, a
na. Hauing put into the Boat *Ciudad*
 the Fishes, and I among them, *Spain*,
 they began to draw the Cord, by *where ver-*
 the which (as it is said) they *ry good*
 pulled vp the Bottome: they found *Wine*
 mee tyed at it; whereat much a- *made.*
 mazed, they said, What Fish is
 this, that hath the face of a man?
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Is it not some Diuell, or some Spirit? But let vs draw this Rope, and see what Clogge hangs at the heeles. Then fell they a haling and tugging, with such might & maine, that they had like to haue sunke the Boat: Perceiuing the danger, they presently cut the Rope, and with it, the hopes of *Lazaro*; of euer attayning to the greatnesse of the *Gorhes*.

The *Gorhes* were the first Kings of *Spain*, from whence, when a man is termed rich and great, hee is said to be of the *Gorhes*.

They held my head downe-ward, that I might the better cast out the water, as also the *Wine*, which I had drunke. They perceiued, that I was not dead, (which had not beene the worst for mee) and gaue mee a little *Wine*, with the which (as a Lampe with Oyle) I came againe to my selfe. They asked mee a hundred Question, but I answered to none of them, vntill such a time as they gaue mee some Meat. Then recouering breath, the first thing that I asked them,

them, was for the Clogge which I dragged at my foot: They answered mee, that they had cut it, to saue themselves from the danger wherein they were. There did *Troylole* her selfe, and *Lazaro* his well-placed desires: there began his paines, griefes, and torments. There is no greater vexation in the *World*, than to haue beene rich; and eleuated to the Hornes of the Moone; and afterward, to become poore, and subiect to fooles. All my *Chimeraes* were built vpon the Water; and in a instant, it drowned them all. Then did I relate vnto the Fisherman, what both they and I had lost, by cutting off my Iesses: which, when they vnderstood, they were so griened, that one of them had like to runne madde. But one of the grauest among them sayd, That it would bee good to turne mee

mee againe into the Sea, and to stay there for mee, vntill I came forth againe. They were all of his opinion; and, notwithstanding all the inconueniences which I represented vnto them, they persisted in their deliberation, saying, That since I knew the way, it would bee an easie thing for mee (as if it had beene no more, than to goe to a Cookes Shop, or to a Tauerne.) They were so blinded with conetousnesse, that alreadie they would haue throwne mee ouer boord; if my good, or rather bad fortune, had not brought to the place where wee were, another Boat, which came to carry away their Draught. Wherefore they held their peace, lest the others should know of the Treasure which they had discovered, and were constrained for that time, to desist from their

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cruell intention. They brought their Boates to the Shore, and craftily threw mee among the Fishes, with intent to returne to seeke mee againe, when conueniently they might. Then two of them tooke mee, and secretly carried mee to a little Cottage, not farre from thence. One that knew not the mystery, asked them what was that? They answered, That it was a Monster which they had taken with the Tunnies. When I saw my selfe in the Lodge, I desired them to giue mee some ragges, or other, to couer my nakednesse, that I might shew my selfe before men. That shall bee (answered they) when the Reckoning is made with the Hostesse; but I vnderstood not (at that present) that kinde of language. The fame of the Monster did spread

spread it selfe throughout all the Countrey, so that much people came to the Cottage, for to see mee: But the Fishermen would not shew mee, saying, That they expected a Licence from the Bishop and Inquisitors to that end; vntill when, they desired to be excused. I was amazed, not knowing what to say, or doe, little imagining what their intention was. It was with mee as with Cuckolds, who are the last that know, that they are such. These Diuels found out an Inuention, The Diuell himselfe could not haue inuented the like; which requireth a new Chapter, and new attention.

CHAP. IIII.

*How Lazaro was carried through
all Spaine.*

Occasion makes the theefe. Which the Fisherman seeing to offer it selfe so faire vnto them, tooke hold of, not onely by the fore-top, but by the whole body. For perceiuing that so great number of people came to see the new Fish, they determined to recompence themselves of the losse that they had made, in cutting the Rope from my foot: and therefore they sent to demaund a Licence of the Inquisitors, to shew ouer all Spaine a Fish, that had a mans face. They obtained it very easily, by meanes of a Present which they made to their Lordships, of the best fish they had taken. When the good Lazaro was giuing thanks to

to God, that hee had drawne him out of a Fishes belly (which was a miracle, by so much the greater, by how much my skill and cunning was the lesse, swimming like a Barre of Iron) foure of them (who seemed rather Executioners, such as crucified Christ, than men) came and tooke me vp, and binding my hands behind my backe, put me on a Beard, not forgetting the great Mustachios, and a Perewig made of Moose, that made mee shew like a wilde man in a Garden. They wrapped vp my feet in Flagges, as a Trowt of the Mountaines. I bewayled my mishap, I sighed, complaining of my Destinie. O Fortune (said I) why dost thou persecute me thus? In all my life I neuer saw nor knew thee: but, if by the effects one may iudge of the cause; by the tryall which already I haue had of thee, I

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am verily perswaded, that no Syren, Bazilliske, Viper, or Lionesse with Whelpes, is more cruell than thou art. Thou raysest men by thy flatteries and cherishings, to the highest of thy delights and riches, and from thence dost hurle them headlong into the depth of all miseries and calamities, by so much the greater, by how much thy fauours haue beene great. One of these my Tormentors hearing my complaint, with a Carter-like voice said to mee, If Master Tunnie speakes but a word more, hee shall presently bee salted with his companions, or bee burned for a Monster: The Lords of the Inquisition (continued hee) haue ordayned, that wee carrie him thorow all the Cities and Places of Spaine, to make him bee seene of all men, as a Prodigie, and Monster of Nature.

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I swore and vowed vnto them, that I was neither Tunnie, Monster, nor any such thing, but as good a man as any Neighbours Childe whatsoever: and that if I was come out of the Sea, it was by reason I had fallen into it, among those that were drowned, going to the Warres of *Argiers*. But they were deafe; and so much the more, that they were not minded to vnderstand mee. Seeing that my prayer were as vainely spent, as Sudds about an Asses face; I put on patience, expecting till Time, that procureth all, should cure my anguish, proceeding from thole cursed Metamorphosis. They put me in a halfe Tubbe, made after the fashion of a Brigantine, full of Water; so that sitting in it, it came vp to my Lippes. I could not stand vpon my feet, for they were tyed with a Rope, whereof one end came

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out through a Leaden pipe, put betweene the hoopes and boords of the said Tub, in such sort, that if by mischance I grunted neuer so little, in pulling onely the Rope, they made me plunge (like a duck) and drinke more Water than one that hath the Dropsie. I shut my mouth close, till such time as hee that pulled the Rope, had slackned it; and then I peeped out with my head like a Tortoyse, learning from thenceforth by my owne harme to be wary. Being laid in this manner, they shewed me to euery one; and the number of those that came to see me, was so great, that in one day (euery one paying three halfe-pence) they got two hundred Ryals. The more they gained, the more they coueted; which made them haue a great care of my welfare. They entred in consultation, whether it were best euery night to

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take me out of the water, lest the ouer-much moistnesse and cold might shorten my life, which was dearer vnto them than their owne, for the profit which they received by it. At length they concluded, that I should still remaine therein; perswading themselves, that custome would turne into nature: so that by that meanes poore *Lazaro* was as greene Rice, or Hempe in a standing Poole. I leaue to the charitable consideration of the gentle Reader, what in such a case I might endure, seeing my selfe detained in so strange a kind of Prison, a Captiue in a Land of freedome, and fettered by the malice of those couetous Puppet-players; and (which was worst, and plagued me most) was to be forced to counterfeit the dumbe man, without being so; nor to haue power so much as to open my mouth, because that at the instant

stant that I did open it, my Centinell was so watchfull, that (without being discouered by any one) hee would stop it with water, for feare lest I should speake. My meate was soaked Bread, which those that came there, threw mee, to see me eate: so that in the space of sixe moneths that I remained in that Bath, the Deuill a bit of any thing else that I did eate, being ready to die for hunger. My drinke was the Water of the Tubbe; which not being very cleane, was the more substantiall: for the coldnesse thereof gaue me a Laske, which lasted as long as I continued in that watry Purgatory.

CHAP. V.

*How Lazaro was carried to
the Court.*

THese Extortioners carried mee from Citie to Citie, from Towne to Towne, and from Farme to Farme, more iocund with their gaine, than the Earth with May flowres; and howling poore *Lazaro*, thus did sing:

*Long life and health God grant
unto the Fish,
who (without working) doth
maintaine our dish.*

The Hearse wherein I was, was carryed vpon a Cart, and attended by three; the Car man; hee that drew the Cord when I did offer to speake; and he that related my life: who likewise made the speeches, telling the strange meanes they had vsed

vsed to catch mee, and lying there confidently, than any Taylor vpon an Easter Eve. When wee traueled through vnhabited places, they suffered me to speake; which was the greatest courtesie I receiued of them. I asked them, what Deuill had put it into their heads, to carry me vp and downe after such a manner in a Tubbe. They answered me, That if they had not done so, I would haue dyed presently; for being (as I was) a Fish, they knew I could not liue out of the Water. Seeing them so confident, I determined to be one; and so I perswaded my selfe, since that euery one esteemed me so, beleeuing, that the Sea-Water might haue transformed mee (the voice of the people being, according to the Prouerbe, the voice of God) so that from thence-forward I was as silent as if I had been at Masse. They brought me

me to the Court, where their gaine was great, the followers thereof being very desirous of novelties, as men that live in perpetuall idleness. Among many that came to see mee, there were two Schollers, who considering more exactly my Physiognomie, said in a low voice, That they durst sweare vpon a Booke, that I was no Fish, but a Man; and that if they had been in any charge of Iustice, they would haue sifted out the naked truth, with a Whip on their naked shoulders. I prayed to God in my mind that they would doe it, so that I might haue been freed frō thence: and thereupon I thought to helpe them forwards, saying, the Gentlemen Schollers are in the right. But scarce had I opened my mouth, whē my Centinell had popped it vnder Water. The shouting that all the people kept when I ducked my self

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(or rather they ducked me) hindered the good Licentiates to proceed any further in their discourse. They threw me bread, and I gobbled it vp before it could be through wet; but they gaue me not halt so much as I could haue eaten. Then I remēbred the plēty that I had in *Toledo*, & my good friends the *Germans*, & what good wine I was wont to cry; beseeching God not to suffer me to die by water, my greatest enemy: after that I entred into consideratiō of what the studēts had said, which by reason of the noise, no body had vnderstood, & confirmed my selfe in the opinion that I was a man, and from thence-forward I held my selfe to be one, although my Wife had oftentimes told me that I was a beast, & the boies of *Toledo* were wont to say vnto me, Good M. *Lazaro*, pull your Hat downe lower vpon your forehead, for one may see your horns

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and their carrying of mee thus in pickle, had made me doubt whether I were a perfect man, or no. But as soone as I heard these blessed and quicke-sighted Overseers speake, I made no more doubt of it, but sought meanes to free my selfe from the hands of those *Chaldeans*. One night, in the deadeſt time, seeing my Guards fast asleepe, I tryed to vnbinde my selfe: but by reason that the Cords were wet, it was impossible for mee. I thought to cry out, but I considered, that it would auaille mee nothing, for the first of them that should heare me, would haue stopped my mouth with a pottle of Water. Seeing this Gate shut to my remedy, with great impatience I began to tumble and wallow in my mire, and at length, with my tossing and struggling, I ouerthrew the Tub, and my selfe withall, spilling all the water.

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When I saw my selfe free, I began to call out for helpe. The Fishermen awaking, all amazed to see what I had done, came in haste to relieue me, by stopping my mouth and cramming it with Grasse: and the better to confound my exclamations, they likewise with a lowder straine fell a crying, help, help; and amidst this hurly-burly, they ran to a Well hard by, and with an incredible diligence filled vp the Tub againe. The Host came forth with a Halbert, and all those of the house, some with Spits, and some with Poles. The neihgbours came running in, and a Bailiffe with his associates, that were passing that way. The Inne-keeper asked the Saylers what the matter was, who answered, that theeuers would haue stolne away their Fish; which hee hearing, (as if he had bin mad) fell a crying out, Theeuers, Theeuers. Some

Some watched if they would steale out at the doore ; others looked, if they did not climbe frō one house to another: but already my keepers had returned me into my Bath. It happened, that the Water which had been spilled, ranne all thorow a hole into a lower chamber, vpon the bed where the Daughter of the house did lye, who moued with charity, had afforded part of it to a Priest, who for her sake was come to lodge there that night. They were so skared with the deluge of Water that fell vpon their Bed, and with the out-cryes and noise that euery one did make ; that, not knowing what shitt to make, they threw themselves out at a window as naked as *Adam* and *Eue*. Now did the Moon shine so bright, that she might haue entred in comparison with him from whom she doth receiue her brightnesse. As soone

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as they saw them, they cryed out, There be the Theeues, stop the Theeues. The Bailiffe and his assistants ran after them, & ouertooke them not far from thence, (by reason that beeing barefooted, the stones did hinder their speed) and without any delay carried them to Prison. The Fishermen the next morning very early tooke leaue of *Madrid* to goe to *Toledo*, not knowing what was become of the kind-hearted Wench, and the deuout Priest.

CHAP. VI.

How Lazaro was carried to Toledo.

THe Industry of Men is vaine ; their Knowledge, Ignorance ; and their Might, Impotencie ; when God doth not strengthen, direct, and guide

guide them. My labour serued on-
ly to increase the care and sollici-
tude of my Iaylors; who angry for
their last nights Alarum, gaue me
so many Bastonadoes by the way,
that they left mee almost for dead,
saying, Accursed Fish, would you
haue beene gone? Doe you not ac-
knowledge the great good done
doth you, in not killing you? you
are as the Oake, that yeeldeth not
his fruit without cudgelling. After
this maner, bruised, vpbraided, and
almost dead for hunger, they entred
me into *Toledo*, and lodged them-
selues hard by a place called the
Zocedober, at a Widdowes House,
whose Wine I was wont to crie.
They put mee in a lower Roome,
where a multitude of people came
to see me, and among others, my
Elvira, holding my daughter by the
hand. When I saw them, I could
not but giue way to two Niles of
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teares, that gushed out of mine
eyes. I wept, and sighed, but with-
in my selfe, for feare they should
deprive me of what I so much lo-
ued, and of the sight of that, which
I desired to haue a thousand eyes
to see, though it had beene better,
that those who hindred my speech
had also taken from me my visibie
faculty. For looking earnestly vp-
on my Wife, I saw her (I know not
if I may speake it) I saw her with a
belly mounted to her mouth. I was
amazed and astonished, although
(had I bin in my right wits) I had
had no great cause: for the Arch-
Priest, my Master, had told mee,
when I went to the Warres, that
shee would deale with her as if shee
had been his owne. But what most
vexed me was, that I could not per-
swade my selfe that shee was with
child by me, hauing beene absent
about a yeere. Indeed when I dwelt
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with her, and that we were at Bed and Boord together, and that shee would say to me. *Lazaro*, doe not beleue that I am false to thee; for so doing, thou doest wondrous ill: I was so well satisfied, that I abhorred to conceiue an euill thought of her, euen as the Deuill doth holy-water; I liued iouiall, content, and without Iealousie, the disease of Fooles. I haue oftentimes considered with my self, that this matter of children doth chiefly consist in imagination: for how many are there, that loue such as they thinke to be theirs, who indeed belong to them no otherwise, than by name and number? and others, who (for certaine *Chymers*' forged in their braines, that their Wiues haue grafted vpon their heads the punishment of *Aleons* temeritie) doe hate and abhorre those that be their owne? I beganne to reckon
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the moneths, and daies, but I found the way stopt to my comfort. I thought, whether my deare bed-fellow were not sicke of the Drop-sie; but that pious imagination lasted me but very little: for, as soone as she was gone forth, two old Gossips began to say one to another, What thinke you of the Arch-Priestesse? shee hath no want of her Husband. Who hath got her with childe, asked the other? Who? replied the first, Marry, the reuerend Arch-Priest; who is so good, that (for to giue no scandall, if shee should be deliuered in his house without hauing a Husband) he doth marry her the next Sunday to *Peter Gabacho*, who will bee as patient as my Gossip *Lazaro*. That was the Touchstone, and *Non plus ultra* of my patience; it beganne to overcome my Heart: So that, sweating
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within the Water, and vnable to helpe my selfe, I fell downe in a swoone within the Hog-stie. The water then entring amaine through all the passages, without any resistance, I appeared to be dead (much against my will, which was, to liue as long as it would please God, and I should be able, in spight of *Galicians*, and all crosse Fortune.) The Fishermen very heauy, caused all that were there, to goe out, and in all haste lifted my head out of the water; but they found that I was without pulse, or breath, as they themselues were for very grief, bewailing their losse, which to them was none of the least. They tooke me out of the Tubbe, and did what they could to make me vomit that which I had swallowed; but all in vaine, for death (as they thought) had already shut the doore after her. They remained blanke (as at a

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running Lottery) not knowing any remedie, nor how to ease their griefe. It was at last decreed by the Councell of three, that the Night following they should carrie mee to the River, and should there throw mee in, with a stone about my necke; to make that my Graue, which had been the instrument of my death.

CHAP. VII.

what happened to Lazaro upon the way to the River Tagus.

L Et no man despaire, how afflicted soeuer he seeth himselfe; for when he shall least expect it, God will open the Gates and Windowes of his Mercie, and shew, that nothing is impossible vnto him; and that he can and will change the designes of the wicked into wholesome and comfortable

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remedies, for such as put their trust in him. These Knaues in graine thinking that Death did not least (whose custome is little so to doe) put me into a Sack, and (laying me ouerthwart a Mule, as a Goats skin of Wine, or rather of Water, being full thereof to the very mouth) took their way downe the Hill of the Carmelites, more sorrowfull than if they had beene going to bury the Father that begot them, or the Mother that bare the. It was my good fortune, when they put me vpon the Mule, to be layd vpon my stomach and belly; so that going with my mouth downward, I began to cast out Water, as if a Sluce-gate had been opened, or as if I had been the fish *Frago, by means wherof I came againe to my selfe; and gathering breath, I perceiued that I was out of the water, & out of that accursed Tub: but I neither knew where I

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was, nor whether they carried me. Only I heard them say, It is best for our safety to seek out some Pit very deep, that he may not be found so soon. By the thred I recouered the needle, & imagining presently what the matter was, and seeing that the Crow could be no blacker than his wings, hearing a noyse of people thereabouts, I began to cry out, Help, help, for the Lords sake. The fir which I heard, was the Watch, who came instantiy to my out-cry with their naked swords, & ransacking the Sack, found poore Lazarillo through soaked, as a Greene-fish. They carried vs all, as they found vs to the gaole; the fishermen weeping to see themselves prisoners, and laughing for being at liberty. They put them in a dungeon, and me in a good bed. The next day being examined, They confessed, that indeed they had carried me vp and downe

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In Spaine they vse to carry Wine or Water vpon Mules or Horses, in Goates or Calues skins, fitted to that purpose, which they call Coques. *Frago with the Spaniards is a Fish that out of his mouth doth sometimes cast so much water, that it is able to drowne a Boat.

through *Spaine*: but that they had done it, beleeuing that I was a Fiſh, and that to that effect they had obtained a Licence of the Lords of the Inquisition. For my part, I told the whole truth, and how those Rascals held me bound, and put me into such a posture, as I was not able so much as to grunt. They brought in the Arch-Priest, and my good *Eluira*, to proue if it were true that I were that *Lazaro de Tormes*, whom I said I was. My Wife entered the first, and earnestly beholding me, said, That the truth was, that I somewhat resembled her good husband; but shee beleeued I was not hee: for though I had alwayes bin a great Beast, I was more likely to become a Gnat or an Oxe than a Fiſh. Hauing thus spoken, and made a low Curſie, ſhee went forth. My hangmens Attorney required, that I might be burned, be-

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cause without doubt I was a Monkster, which he did binde himselfe to proue. (The Diuell I am as soone, (said I to my selfe) vnlesse some Conjuror now should persecute me, transforming me into what hee listed.) The Iudges commanded him to be silent. Then came in the reuerend Arch-Priest, who seeing me so bleake, and wrimples, like an old Wines belly, said, That he neither knew me by my face nor shape. I then remembred him of some old passages, and many secrets that had passed betweene vs; particularly I bad him remember the Night that he came naked vnto my bed, saying, that he was afraid of a Hob-goblin that haunted his chamber, and laid himselfe between my Wife & me. He, for feare I should haue proceeded any farther in tokens, confessed it to be true, that I was *Lazaro*, his good friend and seruant. The Suit

ended with the testimonie of the Captaine that had carried me from Toledo (and was one of those that escaped the Tempest in the Cock-boat) who acknowledged, that I was in person *Lazaro* his servant; and all this did agree with the relation of the time & place where the fishermen said they had caught me. They condemned euery one of the to two hundred stripes, and their goods confiscated, the one part to the King, the other to the Prisoners, and the third to *Lazaro*. They were found to haue two thousand Ryals, two Mules, and a Cart; of the which (all duties and charges payd) there fell to my share twenty duckats. The Sailers remained bare and comfortlesse, and I rich & content; for in all my life before I had not seen my selfe Master of so much money at once. I went to the house of one of my Friends: where, after

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I had powred downe my Throat some Gallons of Wine, to wash away the euill saour of the Water, & put my selfe into good Clothes, I began to walke like an Earle, faring like a King, honoured of my Friends, feared of mine Enemies, and welcome to all. The miseries I had passed, seemed to mee a Dreame; the present happinesse, a Hauens rest; and the future hopes, a Paradise of pleasure. Aduersitie doth humble, and prosperity puffe vp the minde. All the time that the twenty duckats lasted, if the King had called me Cousin, I had taken it for an affront. When wee Spaniards can but get a Ryall, wee are Princes; and though we doe want it, wee doe not want presumption. If you aske but a shake-ragge who hee is, he will answer, that (at the least) hee is descended from the Gothes, & that his bad fortune hath

thus deiected him; being the property of the foolish World, to elevate the base, and debase the worthy: and yet such as he is, he would not yeeld to any, nor esteeme himselfe lesse than the greatest; and would rather sterue, than put himselfe to any Trade; or if hee doth, it is with such contempt & distaste, that either he will not worke at all; or if he doth, it is so ill, that hardly in all *Spaine* shall one finde a good workman of a *Spaniard*. I remember that there was a *Cobler* in *Salamanca*; who, when one did bring him any thing to mend, would make a long discourse to himselfe, complaining of his euill fortune, that had reduced him to the necessity of working in so base a Trade, being descended from such a house and from such parents, who for their worth were knowne ouer all *Spaine*. I asked one day a neighbor

of his, of what Kindred that *Bragadocio* was. Hee told mee, that his father was a treader of Grapes in Vintage time, and a Hogge-killer in Winter; and his mother a Tripe-washer, I meane a Tripe-wife's maid. I had bought a Sute of old peeld Veluet, and a long thredbare Cloake of *Segouia* Serge; I wore my Sword so long, that the Chape vnpaired the Stones of the streetes, as I walked. When I came out of Prison, I would not goe see my Wife; to giue her a greater desire to see mee, and to bee reuenged of the scorne that shee had made of mee. I beleued vndoubtedly, that seeing me so well apparelled, shee would repent her selfe, and receiue me with open armes; but obstinate shee was, and obstinate shee remained. I found her in Child-bed, and newly married. When she saw me, shee cryed out as if shee had beene mad

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mad, Take from before me that ill watered Fish, that face of a new-pluckt Goose, or by the blessednesse of my dead Fathers Soule, if I rise, I will scratch out his eyes. I, with a great deale of flegme, answered her, Faire and sottly (good Mistris Wagtaile) if you know me not for your Husband, nor I you for my Wife, let mee haue my daughter, and as good friends as euer before, for I haue got wherewith to marry her very honourably. Me thought thole twenty duckats should haue beene like little *John* of God's five Blankes; who, as soone as he had spent them, found five other still in his Purse: but with mee, as I was *Lazarillo* of the Diuell, it fell out otherwise, as shall appeare in the next Chapter. The Arch-Priest opposed himselfe against my demand, saying, That she was not mine, and for prooffe thereof, hee shewed me

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the Church Booke for Christnings, which compared with the Register of Marriages, it appeared, that the Girle was borne foure monthes after that I first carnally knew my Wife. My man *Thomas* fell down, who till then had beene on horse-backe, and I perceiued the error in the which I had liued vntill that time, beleeuing her to bee my daughter, that was not so. I shaked vpon them the dust of my shoes, & washed my hands in token of innocencie, & of parting for euer, & so I turned my back vnto them, with as much cōfort as if I had neuer known them. I went to seeke some of my friends, to whō I related the whole matter: they comforted me, which was a thing very easie for the to do, I would not returne to the Office of common Cryer, for my Veluet had rooted out such petty thoghts. Going toward the Gate cald *de Vilagra*

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as I passed through that of S. *John* of the Kings, I met with an old acquaintance of mine; who, after she had saluted me, told me how that my Wife was growne more gentle, since she had vnderstood that I had money; particularly that, that *Gabacho* had as good as new dressed her from top to toe. I desired her to let me vnderstand the businesse: she did it, saying, that Master Arch-Priest and my VVife had entred one day into consultation, whether it were best to take me home again to them, & turne out that *Gabacho*, bringing reasons of the one side and of the other. This their consulting was not so secret, but that the new Husband heard of it: who dissembling, the next morning went out to work at the Oliue trees, whither his VVife & mine at noone did goe to carry him his dinner. He then bound her fast to a Tree, and hauing

hauing stripped her starke naked, gaue her there aboute a hundred stripes; and not content with that, made a bundle of all her Cloathes, & pulling her Rings off her fingers, ranne away with all, leauing her bound, naked, & in a pittifull case: where (without doubt) she had died if the Arch-Priest had not sent to seeke her. She went on, saying, that she beleeued without all peradventure, that if I sent but any one to entreat them, they would receiue me to them as before: for she had heard my *Eluira* say, VVretched that I am, why did I not admit my good *Lazaro*, who was euē as good as the good Bread; not hard to please, nor scrupulous, who suffered mee to doe whatsoeuer I would? That was a touch, which turned me topsie-turue, and made me resolute to follow the counsell of the good old VVoman: Neuerthelesse, I thought

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thought good first to conferre of it
with my friends.

CHAP. VIII.

*How Lazaro pleaded against
his Wife.*

WE men are somewhat
a kin to laying Hens:
for if we mind to doe
any good, we presently proclaime
and kackle it abroad: but if euil, we
will not that any one know it, lest
they should dissuade vs from that,
from the which it were good wee
should be diuerted. I went to see
one of my friends, & I found three
together, for since I had mony, they
were multiplied as flies in the Fruit
season. I told them my intention
and desire, which was to goe & liue
again with my wife, and shun the
slandering speeches of malevolent
tongues; a knowne euill being bet-
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ter than an vnknowne good. But
they made the deed so hainous and
odious vnto me, telling me, that I
was a man without either blacke in
my eyes, or braines in my head, that
I would go to dwell with a Punke,
a Cockatrice, a Catamountaine, &
lastly, the Diuels Hackney (for so in
Toledo doe they call Priests VVen-
ches.) They said such and so many
things to me, and so perswaded me,
that I determined neither to intreat
her, nor to seeke to her. These my
good friends (I would the Diuell
had had the) seeing that their coun-
sell and perswasions had wrought
with me, proceeded farther, saying,
That they counselled me (because I
was so deare vnto the) to take away
the spots, and cleanse the staines of
my reputation, to sticke close to it,
and not let it fall to the ground:
And therefore that I should exhibit
a Complaint in Law against the
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Arch-Priest and my VVife; for all should cost mee neither penny, nor farthing, they being (as they were) Officers of Iustice. The one (who was an Atturney for lost Suites) offered me a hundred duckets for my gettings. The other, as better experimented (being a Solliciter for Traders) told me, That if hee were in my Coat, he would not giue my gaines for two hundred. The third assured mee, That (as he did well know, being, as he was, a Sergeant) hee had scene other Cafes, not so plaine, and a great deale doubtfuller than this, that had bene worth to the vndertakers an innumerable summe; although he beleeued, that vpon the first VVrit the good *Dominie Bacchalaure* would fill my hands, and grease theirs, that wee might giue ouer the Suit, desiring that I would returne againe to my VVife: which would be much more honorable

able and profitable for me, than if I had made meanes vnto her. They so highly commended this businesse vnto mee, alluring mee with faire and great hopes, that they brought mee to what they would, not knowing how to answer their sophisticall arguments: howbeit, I know, that it was better to forgiue and humble my selfe, than to prosecute things to the extremities, fulfilling the most difficult commandment of God, To loue our enemies: And then, my Wife did neuer behaue her selfe like an enemy towards me: contrariwise, by her I began to grow into credit, and to be knowne of many, who would point at me with their finger, saying, There goes patient *Lazaro*: by her I began to haue an Office, and Benefice. If the Daughter, which the Arch-Priest said was none of mine, were so or no; God, who searcheth

cheth the reines, best knowes; and it may be, that as I may haue beene mistaken, hee likewise may haue beene deceiued. As it may happen, that some one, who reading this simplicity of mine, will burst out into such laughter, as hee may chance to moysten the Linings of his Breeches; doth maintaine the children of some reuerend Frier; and doth labour, sweat, and moyle, to leaue them rich that begger him of his reputation; beleeuing for certaine, that if there bee one honest Woman in the World, it is his. And moreouer, it may be, that the Pedigree whereof thou doest boast (gentle Reader) as deriued from *Mars*, is deducted from *Vulcan*. But leauing euery one in his good opinion, all these good considerations did not withstand, but that I formed a complaint against the Arch-Priest, and against my Wife: and

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(hauing ready money) within foure and twenty houres they put them into prison; him, into the Arch-Bishops; and her into the common layle. The Lawyers did bid mee, not to regard the money that I did lay out for that businesse, by reason that I should recouer it all againe of the *Domine*. So that, for to doe him more harme, and that the charges might be so much the greater, I gaue them whatsoeuer they did aske mee. And because they smelt my Cash, as Bees doe honey, they were so carefull and diligent to runne to and fro, not making one idle steppe, that in lesse than eight dayes the Cause was very forward, and my Purse very backward. The Euidences were produced with great facility, by reason that the Sergeants that had arrested them, had taken them napping, & euens as they were in their shirts, had caried them

them to prison. The witnesses were many, and their depositions true. But my honest Attorney, Counselor, and Register, perceiving my Purse to bee at an ebbe, beganne to grow so carelesse and lazie, that to haue made them aduance one step, they had needed more spurring than any Hackney Jade. When the Arch Priest and his friends vnderstood our great neglect, they began to grow vp, and grow peart, greasing the hands and feet of their Agents; being like the weights of a Clocke, which doe mount proportionally as the others goe downe. They took such a course, that within a fortnight after they came out of Prison vpon Bayle; and within lesse than a weeke more, by meanes of false witnesses, they made poore *Lazaro* be condemned to aske pardon, pay all charges, and to be banisht for euer out of *Toledo*. I demanded

manded pardon, as it was most iust hee should, who with twentie crownes had vndertaken to pleade against him that measured them by Peckes. I gaue all to my very shirt to helpe to pay the charges, going out with my bare skinne to my banishment. I saw my selfe in one instant, rich, at Law with one of the Powers of the holy Church of *Toledo* (an enterprise only for a Prince) respected of my friends, feared of mine enemies, and in the predicament of a Gentleman, that would not suffer an affront; and in the same instant I found my selfe cast (not out of the Earthly Paradise, my priuate nakednesse obumbrated with Figge-leaues, but) out of the place which I most loued and esteemed; where I had receiued so much good entertainment, so many pleasures. My nuditie being couered with certaine Rags which I found

vpōn a Dunghill, I betooke mee to the common comfort of the distressed; beleeuing, that since I was at the lowest of Fortunes Wheele, necessary (at her turning) I was againe to rise. At that time I remembered what once I had heard my Master the blinde-man say, (who when he did set himselfe a preaching, would doe wonders;) That all the men in the world did ascend and descend by the wheele of Fortune; some following her motion, others going against it: this onely difference being between the; that those that went with the streame, with the same swiftnesse that they did climbe vp, with the same they doe tumble downe: and those that goe against it, if once they attained vnto the top (though with great paines and labour) they maintained themselves there a long time. I, like the former, did run the smooth way

of her wheele, but with such swiftnes, that I scarce yet was come to the top, when she threw me into the bottomlesse pit of all calamities. I saw my selfe a Begger, euen of the most beggarly, hauing vntill then beene one of a better stampe; and might well haue said, Naked did I come into the world, and naked doe I goe out, I neither winne nor lose. In this pickle I tooke my way towards *Madrid*, crauing the charitable beneuolence of wel-disposed persons, as one that best could do it; for I was a Miller, to which Trade, I to returne by need was made. I made my mone to euery one: some did pittie mee, others did laugh at mee, and others did giue me their almes; so that hauing neither Wife nor daughter to maintain, I had often meat & drink to spare: that yere such store of wine had bin gathered, that almost at euery dore I came to

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they would aske mee if I would drinke, because they had no Bread to giue me; I neuer refused it: so that sometimes it hath beene my chance, before break-fast, to haue gulped vp foure pottles of Wine, where with I was more jocund and merry than Schoole-boyes vpon an holy-day Eue. If I may speake what I thinke, the Beggers life is the only life; all the others doe not deserue that name. If rich men had but tryed it, they would forsake their riches for it, as the ancient Philosophers did; who, for to enioy it, left what they possessed; I say, for to enioy it: for the Philosophers life and the Beggers is all one; onely they are distinguished, in that the Philosophers did forsake what they had for the loue of it; and the Beggers without forsaking any thing, doe finde it. They did despise their wealth, that with lesse impediments they

they might contemplate both naturall and diuine things, with the Celestiall motions: these, that they may (vncurbed) runne through the fields of their loose appetites. They did cast their goods into the Sea; these doe bury them in their stomackes. They did despise them as perishable and transitorie things; these do not esteeme them, because they carry with them care and labour, things altogether out of their element. So that the Beggers life is quieter than either that of King, Emperour, or Pope. In it therefore did I meane to walke, as in a way most free, lesse dangerous, and very delightfull.

CHAP. IX.

*How Lazaro did make himselfe
a Porter.*

THere is no Trade, Science, nor Art, but, to attaine to the perfection thereof, it is needfull to imploy the capacitie of the best vnderstanding in the world. You shall haue a Shoemaker, that hath been thirtie yeeres at his Trade, if you bid him make you a paire of shooes broad at the toes, high of instep, neat, and without puckering, doe you thinke he will doe it? before he make you a paire such as you desire, hee will spoile your foot. Aske a Philosopher, why Flies vpon a white thing doe mite black, and contrariwise, vpon a blacke, white; and you will make him bluish, like a Maid vpon her Marriage night, not knowing how

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to answer; or if he doe to this, hee will not to a thousand other fooleries. It was my chance to meete, neere to *Mescas*, an Arch-Rogue, Mescas, a Citie betwene Madrid & Toledo. and by his countenance perceiuing what he was, I paced towards him as to an Oracle, to enquire of him how I might gouerne my selfe in my new life, without bringing my selfe within the compasse of the Law. Hee answered me, That if I meant cleanelly to come off, and without danger, his counsell was, that I should ioyne to the life of an Hypocrite; that is to say, that though I were a Rogue in profession, yet (not to seeme so) I should giue my selfe to some imployment, as to skullerie in a Kitchin, to cry Broomes, to sweepe Chimneyes, to scrape Trenchers, or to carry Burthens from one place to another; which would serue as a Buckler, to couer my Beggery. Hee

He told me moreouer, that by reason that hee had not done so since these twenty yeeres that he followed that Occupation, he had the day before receiued two hundred stripes as a Rogue and Vagabond. This aduise pleased me, and I followed his counsell. As soone as I came to *Madrid*, I got me a Porters Cord, with the which I quartred my selfe in the midst of the Market place, with more content than a starued Cat with Gibblers. And in good time, and happy houre, the first that did set me to worke, was a Maid (God forgiue me, for I lye) of some eighteene yeeres of age, that impred more than a new veyled Nun; she bad me follow her, and led me through so many streetes, that I thought she had vndertaken it as a taske, or that she did it to abuse me; at length wee came to an house, which, by the Wicket thereof, great

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Court, and the Wenches that danced there, I knew to be the publike Brothell. Then did she bring mee into her Cell; where she asked me, if I would be payed for my paines before wee went out: I answered her, that there was no haste, vntill we came to the place where I was to carry my burthen, which I tooke vp, and set forward to the Gate of *Guadaluara*, where she told me she was to take Waggon, to goe to the Faire of *Nagera*. The Fardle was light, most part thereof being nothing but little Sawcers, Bottles, with Painting, and Waters. As we went, I vnderstood how shee had beene eight yeeres of that Trade. The first that did set mee abroach (said she) was the Father Rector of the Iesuits of *seuil*, where I was borne; who did it with so great deuotion, that from that day to this, I haue beene very deuout.

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called Be-
ata. Hee recommended mee to one of
the holy Women, deuoted to their
Order, with whom I remained a-
boue six moneths, well prouided of
all things necessary. I was drawne
thence by a Captaine, and so haue
roued vp and down from one place
to another, & am where thou seest.
And would to God I had neuer
departed out of the protection of
that good Father, who entertained
me as his Daughter, and loued me
as his Sister. Finally, I haue been
constrained to follow an Occupa-
tion, to get my liuing. With this
discourse we came to the waggon,
which was ready to set forth. I dis-
charged my burden into it, & pray-
ing her to pay me for my labor, the
Rag-taile answered, That I wil very
willingly; and with that, lifting vp
her hand, she gaue me such a Box
on the eare, that shee felled me to
the ground, saying, Art thou such
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an Assie, as to aske money of one of
my Profession? Did I not bid thee,
before thou camest out of the house
of Fellowship, to pay thy selfe, if
thou wouldst, vpon me? With that
(as nimbly as a Grasse-hopper) she
leaped into the waggon, and away
she went, and left me fretted at the
heart, and as blanke as a Bell-foun-
der, not knowing what ayled me:
only I considered with my self, that
if the progresse of my new Trade
did follow the beginning; I should
thriue fairly at the yeers end. Vpon
my departure thence, there came a-
nother waggon from *Alcala de He-* A Citie in
nares; out of the which, the passen- Spaine,
gers (who were all Whores, Schol-
lers, and Friers) being alighted, one
of the order of *S. Francis*, asked me,
if I would doe him that charity, as
to carry his Trusse to his Couent. I
answerd him with cheerfulness, that
I would, for I perswaded my selfe,
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that hee would not coozen me, as that Drab had done, therefore I tooke it vp, and it was so heauy, that I could scarce carry it: yet for the hope of my good pay, I strayed my selfe. Being come to the Cloyster very weary, because it was farre, the Frier tooke his packe, and saying, For Gods sake be it done, went in, and shut the doore after him. I waited there vntill he should come to pay me; but seeing that he did tarry long, I knocked at the Gate. The Porter came forth, and asked me what I would haue; I told him, My payment for the burthen which I had brought. He answered me, that I should goe in Gods name, for they neuer payed any thing, and so locked the doore, charging me to knocke no more, by reason it was a time of silence; for if I did, he would giue me an hundred lachings with his knotty girdle.

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My courage was cooled. A poore man that stood at the Gate said to me; Brother, you may well goe your way, for these Fathers doe handle no money, for they liue altogether vpon other mens dishes. Let them liue vpon what they can (said I,) they shall pay me for my paines, or I will be no longer *Lazarillo*, and thereupon I fell a knocking with great anger. The Lay-Brother came forth with greater, and without any farther complement gaue me such a push, that he threw me backward to the ground as if I had beene a mellow Peare; and kneeling vpon me, he gaue me halfe a dozen such punches with his knee, and as many flammes with his girdle, that he left mee all bruised, as if the Clock-Tower of *Saragosa* had fallen vpon mee. I lay there stretched about halfe an houre, not being able to arise; I

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considered my euill fortune, and the strength of that irregular Frier so ill imployed, which had been fitter to serue the King our Lord and Master, than to deuoure the almes ordained for the poore; though indeed they bee scarce good for any imployment, being idle and lazie packs, as the Emperour *Charles* the fifth gaue well to vnderstand: for when the Generall of *S. Francis* his Order, offered two and twentie thousand Friers to assist him in his warrs, none aboue forty, nor vnder two & twenty; the inuincible Emperour answered, That hee would not haue them, by reason that hee should haue needed euery day two and twenty thousand flesh-pots: intimating thereby, that they are fitter by farre for the Kitchen, than for any labour or seruice. God forgive me, for since that day I haue so abhorred those Lay-clergie-men, that

methought when I saw them, I did see Droanes of a Bee-hiue, or spunges of the fat of the porridge-pot. I was minded to giue ouer my office, but I expected the reuolution of the 24. houres, * as the custome is for those that dye of sudden death: Those that die in Spaine of sudden death are kept 24. houres before they be buried.

CHAP. X.

How Lazaro met with an old Baud, and what hapned vnto him.

WEake & dead for hunger, I went little by little vp the street, & passing through the Barly-place, I met with an old mumblar, that had more tusks than a wilde Boare, who came to me, & asked me, if I would cary a Trunk for her to a friend of hers not farre from thence, and she would giue me foure quartos. I had no sooner heard her, but I gaue God thanks, that frō so filthy a mouth as hers shuld proceed so sweet a speech

Foure quartos make a Royall, which is six pence.

that, Shee would giue me foure Quartos. I told her, Yes, with a very good will; though that very good will was more to finger the foure Quartos, than to carry the burden, hauing at that time more need to be carried my selfe, than to carry. I tooke up the Trunke with much adoe, by reason it was great and heauy: the good woman bad me carry it faire and softly, because that within it were bottles of Waters, which she esteemd very much. I answered her, that she should not need to feare that, I would go softly enough; for though I would haue done otherwise, it had been impossible for me, being so hungry that hardly I could put one foot before another. We came at length to the house where wee did carry the Trunke, the which they verie gladly receiued, especially a young Gentlewoman, plump and round-faced

faced (would all the cattell of my bed were such, my belly being full) who with a chearefull countenance said, that she would keepe it in her Closet. I carried it thither, and the old Woman gaue her the Key of it, desiring her to keepe it vntill she returned from *Segovia*, where shee was going to visite a Kinswoman of hers, hoping to come backe againe within foure dayes. Then imbracing her, she tooke leaue of her, whispering her in the eare I know not what, which made the Damsell blush like a rose; (and although I then did like her very well, I should haue liked her farre better, had the vacuity of my guts been stuffed with good prouender) she tooke likewise leaue of all those of the house, desiring the Father and Mother of the Mayde to excuse her boldnes and importunity; who told her, that their house was

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at her command. Shee gaue mee foure Quartos; bidding mee in mine eare the next morning verie early to come to her house, and she would make mee earne as much more. I departed more iocund than a Shroue-tuesday, or a Mid-sommers Eve. I supped with three of them, keeping one to pay for my lodging. I then fell to consider the power and vertue of money; for at the instant that the old woman had giuen mee those few Quartos, I found my selfe lighter than the winde, more valiant than *Hector*, & stronger than *Hercules*. O Money, it is not without reason that most men doe hold thee for their God! thou art the cause of all good, and the procurer also of all euill. Thou art the inuentor of all Arts, and the maintainer of them in their perfection. For thee are Sciences had in estimation, and with thee are o-

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pinions defended. By thee cities are fortified, and againe by thee their strong towers are made leuell with the ground. By thee are kingdomes established, and by thee in the same instant ouerthrowne. Thou art the vpholder of vertue, and againe the destroyer thereof. By thee Ladies do maintaine themselves chaste, & by thee many that are so, become others. Lastly, there is nothing in the world, be it neuer so hard, but to thee is easie; nothing so hidden, but thou canst penetrate; no hill so lofty, but thou canst pull downe; no dale so low, but thou canst eleuate. The next morning I went to the old Womans house, according as thee had appointed mee, who bade mee goe with her to fetch againe the Trunke which I had carried the day before. Beeing come to the house, shee told the Master and Mistris, that shee came

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for her Trunke, by reason that vpon the way to *Segovia* (about a mile from *Madrid*) thee had met with her Kinswoman, who came with the same intention (that thee went) to see her, and that therefore shee did need it instantly, to haue out some cleane linnen that was in it, to giue her entertainment. The Maide of a new stampe returned her the Key, kissing and imbracing her with more affection than at the first time; and after shee had whispered her againe in the eare, they helped vp with the Trunke, which seemed vnto me farre lighter than the day before, because my belie was better prouided. Coming downe the stayres, it was my chance to meete with I know not what stumbling block, which I thinke the Diuell of purpose had laid in my way, that made mee stumble and tumbled downe

Trunke

Trunke and all to the bottome of the stayres, where stood the Father and the Mother of the simple and kind-hearted Wench. I broke my Nose and short Ribs with the fall, and the damned Trunke, with the Knocks and Iouls, flew open. In it there appeared a young Gallant, without his Cloake, his Rapier and Dagger at his side, in a Greene Satin Sute, with a feather of the same colour, a paire of Carnation Garters and Roses, Crimson Silk Stockings, and white open Shooes: who rising vp very mannerly, & making a low reuerence, straight went out of doores. They were so amazed with that suddain Vision, that they looked one vpon another like so many Marachines or Anticks. But when they were come to themselves, they called in all haste two sonnes that they had, & with great storming, declared the matter vnto them:

them: Who presently taking their Swords, and crying, Kill, Kill, went out to seeke the young Mad-cap. But hee had posted away in such haste, that it was impossible for them to ouertake him. The Father and Mother (who all this while had remained below stayres) shutting the doores fast, went vp, thinking to reuenge themselves vpon the Baud: but shee that had heard the noyse, and knowne the cause thereof, had already with her Scholler in the O. Q. P. taken the ayre at a backe-doore. When they found themselves gul'd, and preuented, they came down and let flie at me, I being so sore, and bruised, that I could not stir; for otherwise I had waited vpon him, for whose sake I was so ill handled. The two brothers returned sweating, and out of breath, swearing and vowing, That since they had not ouertake the villain,

laine, they would kil their sister and the Baud. But whē they were told, that they had made an escape at the Back-side, then they fell a blaspheming, cursing, & swearing. The one said, Why do I not meet now with the Diuell himselfe, with an infernall Crue, that I might make hauck of them as of so many Flyes? Come Diuell, Come. But now that I call thee, it is certaine, that where-soeuer thou art, thou dost feare my anger, & darest not appeare before me. O had I but seen that Coward, with my very breath I had carried him so far, as no body should euer haue heard any newes of him. The other went on, saying, Had I but ouertaken him, I would not haue left one piece of him so big as his eare: but if he be in the world, nay, though he be not, he shall not escape out of my hands; for I would plough him vp, were he hid in the Centre of the Earth.

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These and such like brags & threatenings did they thunder out, whilst poore *Lazaro* was expecting that all the storme should light vpon him; but yet I stood in more feare of tenne or twelue Boyes that were there, than of those Braggadillos. In the end, both great and small in a cluster fell vpon my Iacket; the one kicked me, the other thumped me; some pulled me by the haire, others boxed me about the eares. My feare was not vaine: for the Boyes thrust great Pinnes into my Buttocks vpto the head, which made me skreek vnto the heauens; the slaues did so pinch me, that they made me at noone-day see a thousand Starres. Some said, let vs kill him; others, It is better to throw him in the Priuy. The hammering of me was such, that they seemed Thrashers in a Barne, or Hammers of a Fulling-Mill, by reason of the

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perpetuall Motion. At length seeing mee breathlesse, they desisted from beating, but not from threatening me. The Father as most ripe, or most rotten, commanded them to let me alone; and that if I would tell them truly who was the robber of their honour, they should not do me any more harme: but I could not satisfie their desire, because I knew not who he was, hauing neuer seene him before hee came out of the Trunke: Seeing that I answered them nothing, they began anew to torment me. There was the weeping, there the weeping for my mishap, there was the sighing, there was the cursing of my crosse fortune. But when I perceined, that continually they found new wayes to persecute me, I prayed them as well as I could to forbear me, and that I would tell them all the businesse. They did so; and I told them

them without any omission, what had passed; but they would give no credit to the truth. Feeling the storme to continue, I determined to coozen them, if it were possible, and therefore I promised to informe them, who the Malefactor was; whereupon they left thrashing of mee, promising mee wonders. They asked me his name, & where hee lived. I answered, that I knew it not; and lesse, that of the Street wherein he dwelt: but that, if they would carry me (for it was impossible for me to go, they had so misused me) I would shew them his house. That pleased them well, and therefore they gaue mee a little Wine, with the which I came againe to my selfe: then (being well armed) two of them tooke mee vnder the armes, like a *French Lady*, and led me through *Madrid*. Some that did see mee, said, They carry that

that man to Prison; others, to the Hospitall: but none did hit the marke. I went amazed, and astonished, not knowing either what to say, or what to doe; for I durst not cry out for helpe, lest they should complaine of mee to the Iustices, whom I feared more than death it selfe: and to runne away was impossible, not onely by reason of my former ill vsage, but also for being betweene the Father, Sonnes, and Kinsfolkes, who for that purpose had joyned themselues, eight or nine together, armed at all points, like so many *S. Georges*. We crossed many Streets, and went through many Lanes, not knowing where I was, or whither I did leade them. At length wee came to the Sunne-Gate, and downe a Street right ouer-against it, I perceiued a Gallant that came tripping it vpon the toes, his Cloake jerked vnder

under one arme, a peece of a Glove
in one hand, and a Gillyflowre in
the other, his arme keeping time
with his foot, so that one would
haue taken him for the counger-
mane to the Duke of *Infantado*:
he made a thoulard leuerall faces
and odde countenances. I knew
him at the instant to be the Squire
my Matter, who had stollen away
my Cloathes at *Murcia*: and with-
out doubt, some Saint or other (for
I had not left one vnprayed to in
all the Letanie) had brought him
thither for my redemption. As I
saw the occasion offer it selfe so
faire, I caught hold of it by the
fore-top, and with one stone I de-
termined to kill two Birds, that is,
to be reuenged of that bragging
Cheater, and to free my selfe from
thole hangmen. Which to bring
to passe, I said vnto them, Gentle-
men, looke about you, for yonder
com-

cometh the Gallant, that hath
robbed you of your honour, who
hath onely changed his Appafell.
They blinded with rage and anger,
without any further discourse, as-
ked me which was hee. I pointed
him out vnto them: Whereupon
they rushed vpon him, and taking
him by the Collar, threw him to
the ground, where they kicked and
cuffed him out of all measure. One
of the yong striplings, Brother to
the Gentlewoman, would haue run
him through with his Sword, but
that his Father hindred him; and
calling Officers to their helpe, they
bound him hand and foot. When
I perceiued the Cards to bee thus
shuffled, and that they were all bu-
sie, as well as I could, I began to
shew them a faire paire of heeles,
and went and hid my selfe. My ho-
nest squire (who knew me) thinking
they were some of my acquaint-
ance,

tance, that demanded my Apparell, did cry out vnto them, Let me alone, Let me alone, and I will pay for two Sutes. But they stopped his mouth with good blowes with their fists; and all bloody, bruised, and broken-headed, carried him to Prison: And I tooke my leaue of *Madrid*, cursing both the Occupation, and the first inuentor of it.

CHAP. XI.

*How Lazaro parted from Madrid,
to goe into his owne Countrey:
and what hapned vnto him
upon the way.*

I Was minded to put my selfe on my way, but I found my strength farre vnequall to my courage; for which cause, I remained yet some dayes in *Madrid*, which I passed well enough, by reason, that helping my fellow

Crutches

Crutches (without which I was not able to goe) I went begging, from doore to doore, and from Couent to Couent, till I found my selfe strong enough, and able to trauell. I made the more haste, for a thing that I heard related by one Begger, who, with others, was lowering himselfe in the Sunne. It was the historie of the Trunke, as already I haue told it: adding, that the man whom they had imprisoned, thinking it had beene hee of the Trunke, had proued the contrary; for at the very instant that the businesse hapned, he was at his Lodging, and nobody therabouts had seen him with other apparell than that wherewith they had taken him: but that notwithstanding he had bin exposed to the publike shame of a Vagabond, and banished *Madrid*. He told also, how the Gentlewomans friends did seeke for a Porter, that had dressed

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that Melle of Knauerie, swearing
to make a Syne of his skinne with
their Rapiers, if ever they met him.
I opened my eyes, to prevent the
accident, clapping a parch upon
one of them, and shaving my beard
like a Monke; for I assured my self
that in this disguise, the Mother
that bare mee, could not be
knowne me. I departed from Ma-
drid, with intention to goe to Tal-
ler, to try if (being now moulded)
Fortune would mistake me. I pa-
sed by the *Escoriall*, a Building
which doth speake the greatness
of the Monarch that directed it
(for it was not yet altogether fin-
ished) & is such, that it may be reck-
oned among the Maruels of the
World; though it cannot be said
that the pleasant situation hath
a motive to build it there; the
ground being very barren & dry
but well, the temperatenesse of

of *Lizavilla de Tormos* 101
ayre, which in Summer is such, that
grouing onely to the shade, the
Heat is not troublesome, and the
Cold & offensive, but exceeding
wholesome. Within less than two
miles from thence, I met a hard
company of Gipsies, lodged in
an old decayed house, who assured
as they perceived me & came off,
thought I was some one of their
Troope, for my attire did promise
no lesse but poisoning hearts, they
saw their error, and were somewhat
daunted with my presence; because
as farre as I could perceive, they
held a Consultation, as were deba-
ting an Election. They told mee,
that that was not the right way to
Salamanca, but to *Valledolid*. See-
ing my businesse did not constrain
me to goe faster to one place than
to another, I told them, that since
it was so, I would see that Citie,
before I went into my Countrey.
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One of the ancientest in the world,
whence I was and vnderstanding
that it was of Zeida; he committed all
guidance for neigbourhoods like
for howas of Salomina. I accepted
his offer; and afterwards he yedifi-
red me to relate vnto the many life,
and aduentures. I did so, without
any farther intreaty; as briefly as
things of such moment could per-
mit. When I came to speake of the
Tub, and what had happened vnto me
in an Inne at ~~Whitby~~ I made them
laugh extremely; especially the
Gipsy, a Man and a Woman,
whob could scarce stand for laugh-
ing. I began to be ashamed, and to
blush; when the old Gipsy, my
-Countryman, who had taken no-
tice thereof, said vnto mee; Begone
out of countenance; Brother: for
these Gentles do not laugh at your
life; being such, as it rather deser-
ueth admiration than laughter.
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which, since you have giuen vs so
full an account, it is reasonable, that
wee pay you in the same Coyne.
Wherefore, resting vpon your pru-
dence; as you haue done vpon ours,
if the companie will giue me leave,
I will tell you the occasion of their
laughter. Euery one answered, that
he was well content; for they knew
that his great discretion & experi-
ence would not suffer him to go be-
yond the limits of reason. Know
then (said he) that those two whom
you see yoder, almost out of breath
with laughing, are the Priest & the
Damsell, that leaped naked out at
the Window, when the inundati-
on of your Tub had like to haue
drowned them; who (if they
please) will tell you how and by
what meanes they haue attained
to this state of life. The Gipsy
offered her selfe very willingly, and
craving the beneuolence of the
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worthy Auditorie, with a loud, but gentle and graue voyce, she thus began her own story: The day that I came out, or (to say better) that I leaped out of my Fathers House, they carried me to Prison, and put me in a chamber, rather darke than cleane, and far more stinking than handsome. As for the worshipfull Master *Vruez*, who is here present, and may disproue me if I speake vnt ruth, they clapped him vp in the Dungeon, till he told them that he was a Priest: wherefore they presently sent him to the vnder Bishop, who very sharply reprehended him for hauing been so faint-hearted, as for a little Water to haue leaped out at a Window before all the World, and giuen such a scandall. But with promise that hee made him, to be more wary and circumspect an other time, and to doe his businesse in such sort, as the ground

it selfe should not be priuie to his ingresse and egress, he let him go, enioyning him for penance, That for three dayes he should not sing Masse. I remained in the custody of the chiefe Keeper or Captaine of the Prison, who being youthfull and lusty, and I yong, and not vnhandsome, did whatsoeuer he could to please me. The Prison to me was a Palace, and Garden of delights. My Father and my Mother, though greatly displeased with my loosenesse, did what they could to let me loose, but all in vaine, for the Captaine did worke all possible means to detaine mee still in his keeping. In the meane time, Master Licentiat, here present, went round about the Prison, like a setting Dogge, to see if he could speake with me: which at length he did, by the means of a Bawd, the best of her Profession; who dressed him in the

the attire of one of her Maids, with a Petticoat and Waistcoat, and a Muffler before his Beard, as if he had had the Mumpes: at this interview was the plot laid for my escape. The night following, there was great feasting and revelling at the Earle of *Miranda's* House, and in the end the Gipsies were to dance; with whom *Canil* (for so is the reuerend *Venez* now called) consoorted himselfe, to haue their helpe in his pretences: which they so well executed (thanks to his wit and industrie), that we enjoy both our desired liberty, and his company, that is the best in the world. The after-noon before the Feast, the Captaine kept more talking about me, than a Cat about a Tripe-Wife; and made me more protestations and promises, than a passenger in a storme at Sea: all which (as bound therunto) I encountered

countred againe with the like. He desired me to aske him what he would, and hee would graunt it me, so it were not to bee deprived of my presence. I thanked him very much, telling him, that to want his, would be to me the greatest mischance that euer could happen vnto me. Perceiuing I had hit the marke, I intreated him to carry me that night (since well he might) to the Earles house, to see the dancing. This thing seemed very hard vnto him; neuerthelesse, not to goe backe from his word, and because the little blinde Archer had wounded him with one of his Arrows, hee did promise it me. Now was the High Sheriffe in loue with me, and had given charge to all the Guards, and to the Captaine himselfe, to giue me good entertainment, and to haue a care that no body should carry mee forth.

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To conuey mee therefore more closely to the Reuels, hee arrayed mee like a Page: my Doublet and Hose were of Greene Damask, layed with Gold Lace; the Cloake of Veluet, of the same colour, lined through with yellow Satin; a Bonnet with a Herons-top and feathers; and a Diamond Hatband; a Ruffe with feaming Lace, and Peakes; Straw-colour Stockins; great Garters and Roses, sutable to mine Apparell; a paire of White piked Shooes, with a guilded Rapier and Dagger, according to the fashion. Wee came to the Banqueting-Roome, and found there a great number of Ladies and Gentlemen, the Gentlemen-iouiall, and in good equipage; the Ladies gallant, and beautifull: and also many mustred vp in their Cloakes, and Women with Veyles. *Camil* was dressed like a Roarer; and seeing mee, came straight-

straightwayes on the other side of me; so that I was betweene him and the Captaine. The Reuelling began; where I saw things, which because they belong not to what I intend to speake of, I will omit. But at length the Gipseyes came to stance, and shew trickes: whereupon two of them grew to words, and so from one thing to another, the one gaue the other the Lye; who answered him with a slash with his Sword ouer the head, that made him bleed like an Oxe. The companie, that till then had thought they had beene in jest, began to be amazed, and to cry out, Help, help. Some Officers and Sergeants that were there, began to bestir themselves. Euery one put his hand to his Sword, and I drew mine; but when I saw it naked in my hand, I fell a quivering for very feare of it. They layed hold on the offender and

and there wanted not some, who (being there set for the purpose) said, That the Captaine of the Prison was there, to whose charge they might deliuer him. The High Sheriffe called him out, to give him charge of the Murtherer. He would willingly haue carried mee along with him: but fearing lest I should bee knowne, hee bade me with-draw my selfe into a corner which hee shewed mee, and not to stirre from thence, vntill hee returned. When I saw the Crab-lowe had let goe his hold, I tooke my *Domine Canil* (who was still at my elbow) by the hand, and in two strides wee got out into the street, where we found one of these Gentlemen, who brought vs to their *Rendez-vous*. When the wounded man (whom alreadie every one thought to be dead) imagined in himselfe that we were escaped, he

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rose vp and said, Gentlemen, the jest shall end here, for I am in good health; and what hath been done, hath been onely to make sport to the company. And with that, hee pulled off the Cap he had on, vnder the which (vpon an Iron Skull) was an Oxe's bladder full of blood for that purpose; which, with the blow that the other had giuen him, had been broken, & so spilt. Euery one fell a laughing at the jest, except the Captaine, who found it to be a troublesome one: for coming to the place appointed, & not finding me there, he began to seek vp and downe the roome, till that asking an old Gipsy woman, if she had not seene a Page with such and such tokens, she (that knew the whole drift) told him, Yea; and that since had heard him say as he went out, holding a man by the hand, Let vs goe retire our selues to S. Philips.

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He went thither in all haste, for to seeke me, but to little purpose; for he went towards the East, and we fled towards the West. Before we left *Madrid*, I had changed my Cloathes for others, and had two hundred Ryals to boore: I sold the Hat-band for foure hundred Crownes, wherof I gaue two hundred to these Gentlemen, for our entrance into their company; for so had *Canil* couenanted with the. This is the whole discourse of my libertie: If Master *Lazaro* doth desire any thing else, let him command, and he shall be serued, according as his worthy and iouiall presence doth deserue. I thanked her for her courtesie; and with as much as I was able, I tooke my leaue of them all. The good old man brought mee a mile on my way: and as we went, I asked him if all those that were there, were Gipsies,

Gipsies, borne in *Egypt*. He answered me, The Diuelli a one there was in all *Spaine*; but that they were all Priests, Friers, Nunnes, or Theeues that had broke out of Prison, or out of their Cloysters: but yet that among them all, those that came from Monasteries, were the greatest and most notorious Villaines, changing a contemplative life into an actiue. Hee returned to his companie, & I on horsebacke vpon *S. Francis* his Mule, followed my way to *Valledolid*.

CHAP. XII.

*What hapned to Lazaro in a Tauerne
two miles off from Valledolid.*

Al the way long did I nothing but thinke vpon my good Gipsies, their life, customes and behauiour. I wondered much, how the Magistrates
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would suffer publike Theeves to goe so freely and openly; all the World knowing, that to filch and steale, is their onely Imployment and Occupation. They are the Refuge and Receptracle of all Rogues; the Sanctuarie for Apostataes, and the Schoole of all mischief. But chiefly I did maruell, that Friers should forsake their sweet & quiet life, for the miserable and toilesome life of a Gipsy. Neither had I beleeued to be true, what the old Gipsy told me; had he not showne mee, halfe a mile from the place where they were lodged, behinde the Wall of a Close, a Man and Woman Gipsy: hee frolicke and lustie, she plump and comely; he not parched with the Sunne, shee not blasted with the vnkindnesse of the Weather: The one sung a Verse of the Psalmes of *David*; the other answered with another. The

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good old man assured me, that they were a Frier and a Nunne; who, not about eight dayes before, were come to their Congregation, with a desire to make profession of a most austere life. I followed my way, vntill I came to a Tauerne two miles off from *Valledolid*; at the doore whereof, I found sitting the old Woman of *Madrid*, and the young Gentlewoman, of whom I haue spoken. There came out a young Gallant, to bid them come in to Dinner. They could not know mee, I was so disguised, with my Patch still vpon my Eye; and my Cloathes right Beggars Cut; but I knew my selfe to be that *Lazarillo* that was come out of the Graue, that had been so costly vnto mee. I went in after them, & stood before them, to see if they would giue me somewhat: but it had beene a hard matter for them so to doe, hauing

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not enough for themselves: for the worthy Gentleman, that had played the Steward, had bene so liberal, that for himselfe, his Sweetheart, and the old Baud, hee had caused to bee made readie a little Hogs Louer, with a sawce to whet their appetite; all which, I could easily haue gobbled vp, in lesse than two Moriels. The Bread was as blacke as the Table-Cloth, which seemed like the Cassocke of some Penitent, or the Maulkin where-with an Ouen is made cleane. Eat, my Loue (said the Gentleman) for this is a diet for a Prince. The Baud fell too roundly, and said not one word for feare of losing time, because she saw that shee was not to goe often to the Dish; which they began to licke, and rubbe so hard, that (it being of Earth) they scraped away all the Varnish. Their pitifull and thort Meale being ended,

The ghostly Fathers enioyne to some for a penance, to weare blacke Buckeram Cussocks, with a Wax Candle in their hands, to accompanie others that doe whip themselves.

ded, (which had rather prouoked, than in any manner asswaged their hunger) the gentle Louer made his excuse, saying, That the Tauerne was vnprovided. I seeing that there was nothing there for me, asked the Hoste, If he had any thing to eat? who answered me. According to the pay; and would haue giuen mee a little Hogs-Haslet: but I asked him, if he had nothing else? hee offered me a Quarter of Kidde, that the amorous Gallant had refused because it was too deare. I thought to come ouer them with a Brauado, and so I bad him giue it me. I went and sate downe with it at the lower end of the Table; where, it was a sport to see how they looked vpon me. E- uery bit that I put into my mouth, did draw six eyes after it; for those of the Louer, of the Gentlewoman, and of the Baud, were nayled to

what I did eate. How comes it to passe (said the Damsell) that yonder Begger doth eate a Quarter of Kidde, and wee three haue had nothing but a poore piece of fryed Liuer? The Gallant answered, That hee had asked the Hoste for Partridges, Capons, or Hennes, and that he had told him, that he had nothing else to giue him. I, that knew how the matter went (and that for feare of spending, or for not hauing wherewithall, hee had dieted them) did notwithstanding hold my peace, and ply my victuals. I thinke in my conscience, that that Kiddes meat was a Loadstone; for when I least tooke heed, I found them all three round about my Dish. The shamelesse and brazen-fazed Wench tooke a piece, and said, Brother by your leaue; but before she had it, it was already in her mouth. The old Mumbler replied

plied, Do not take away the poore Wretch his meat from him. I will not take it away (answered she) for I doe meane to pay him very well for it; and in saying so, shee fell to it with such haste and greedinesse, that it seemed shee had not eaten in six dayes before. The good Matron tooke a bit, to know how it tasted. What (saith my Gallant) doe you like it so well? and therewith pops mee a piece in his mouth as bigge as his fist. But I perceiuing them to grow somewhat too bold, tooke all that was in the Dish, and made but one mouthfull of it; which was so great, that I could neither get it backward nor forward. Beeing in this perplexity, there came to the Tauerne gate 2. horsemen, armed with coats of Mayle, Headpieces, & Bucklers, ech of the carying a Petronel at his side, & another at their Saddlebow: who

who alighting, gaue their Mules to a Foot-man, and asked the Hostle if hee had any thing to eate? he answered them, That he had where with to giue them good entertainment; and therefore, if it pleased their Worship, they might walke into the Hall, whilst Meat was a making ready. The old Woman, who hearing the noyse, was gone out to the doore, and came straight in againe, with her two hands vpon her face, bending and bowing her body a thousand times like a new hooded Monke, speaking as out of a Trunke, and wresting and wringing now one side, then the other, as if she had beene in Child-birth, as low and as well as she could, shee said, Wee are all vndone; for the Brothers of *Clara* (for so was the Gentlewoman called) are at the Gate. The young Wench hearing this, began to take on, and to pull her

her selfe by the haire, & to thump and mis-use her selfe, as if shee had beene out of her wits. But the young Gallant, that was stout and couragious, comforted her, and bade her bee of good cheare; and that where hee was, shee needed not to feare any thing. I (who all this while had still the great piece of Kidde in my mouth) when I vnderstood that those Swash-bucklers were there, was like to haue died for feare; and had died indeed, had it not beene that my Throat being stopped with the Meat, my Soule could find no passage to get out, and therefore was constrained to returne againe into her place. The two roaring Boyes came in; and as soone as they perceived their sister, and the old Hagge, they cryed out, Here they be; Now we haue them, Kill, Kill them. At this vproare, I was so affright-

affrighted, that I fell to the ground; and with the fall, I cast out the Kidde that did choake mee. The two Women put themselves behinde the Gentleman, as Chickens doe vnder the Hennes wings, when they runne away from a Kite. Hee with a braue spirit drew out his Rapier, and went towards them with such fury, that for very feare they stood still like two Statues, their words being frozen in their mouths and their Swords in their Scabards. He asked them what they would, or what they sought? and with that comming to the one, he pulled out his Sword, holding the point thereof at his eyes, and of his owne at the eyes of the other, so that at the least motion of the Swords, they quaked and trembled like Leaues vpon a Tree. The old Woman and the Sister seeing the two *Brachios* so heartlesse, came to them,

them, and disarmed them. The Host came in at the noyse that we made (for I was already got vp, and had one of them by the Beard) not vnlike to the counterfeit Bulls of my Country, which children at first sight do flie from; but growing bolder by little & little, and perceiving that they are not wilde, nor what they seeme to be, doe come soneere them, that (hauing lost al feare) they cast and hang vpon them a thousand Dish-clothes. So I seeing that those scar-crowes were not what they appeared to be, took hart at grasse, and set vpon them with as much boldnesse as my former feare could affoord me. What is the matter here, said the Host? What stirre is this in my house? The Woman, the Gentleman, and I began to cry out, They are Theeues, that come following vs, for to rob vs. The Host that saw the without their wepons, and

and as with the victory, said,
 What? Theeues in my house?
 And thereupon layd hands vpon
 them, and with our helpe, did put
 them into a Vault vnder ground,
 notwithstanding any thing they
 could alledge to the contrarie.
 Their man, who by this time had
 giuen meate to their Mules, com-
 ming in, & asking for his Masters,
 was by the Host sent to keepe them
 companie. Then did he take their
 Cloakebagges, Mayles, and other
 furniture, and locked them vp; di-
 uiding their Weapons betweene
 vs, as if they had beene his owne.
 Hee asked nothing of vs for his
 Meate, that we might be Witnes-
 ses in the Information which hee
 had made against them, vpon the
 which, as an Officer of the Inquisi-
 tion (which he said hee was) and
 as Iustice of that place, he condem-
 ned them all three to the Galleyes
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for euer, and each of them to two
 hundred stripes round about the
 Tauerne. They appealed vnto the
Chamerie of Valledoliz, whither
 the good Host, and three of his
 seruants did carry them. But when
 the vnfortunate Wretches thought
 they had beene before the secular
 Iudges, they found themselves be-
 fore the Inquisitors: for the subtile
 and malicious Tauerner had put
 within the Informations certaine
 speeches that they had said against
 the Ministers of the holy Inquisiti-
 on; an irremissible offence. They
 put them in darke Dungeons, from
 whence (as they thought to haue
 done) they could not write to their
 Father, nor come to the speech of
 any that might helpe them. And
 there we will leaue them in good
 hold, to returne to our Host, whom
 wee met on the way: who told vs,
 That the Lords of the Inquisition
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had giuen him charge to bring before them the Witnesses, that had giuen euidence in the cause; but that notwithstanding (as our friend) hee did aduise vs to absent our selues. The Gentlewoman gaue him a Ring that shee had vpon her finger, desiring him so to worke, as we might not appeare before them: hee did promise it. Now had the Rascall said this; onely to make vs be gone; for feare that (if wee had beene heard) his Villanie (which was not the first) should haue beene discouered. About a fortnight after, there was a generall Execution at *Valledolid*; where, among other prisoners, I saw the three poore Diuels come forth with Gags in their mouthes, as Blasphemers, that had beene so presumptuous, as to touch with their tongue the Ministers of the holy Inquisition; men euen as holy and perfect, as the Iustice they doe

doe administrate. They wore each of them a penitent Garment, called a *Sanbenito*, and a Paper Miter vpon their heads; whereon were written their offences, and the punishment to be inflicted vpon them for the same. It grieued mee to see the poore Foot-man pay what hee did not owe: as for the two other, I had not so much pittie of them, for the little they had had of me. They confirmed the Sentence of the Host, adding moreouer and aboue to euery one of them three hundred stripes: so that they gaue them five hundred apeece, & sent them to the Gallies, where their brags & brauadoes had leasure to take breath and coole themselves. For my part, I did seek my fortune, & many times in * *Magdelaine* Field did I meete the two Women, who neuer yet knew me, nor thought that I had knowne the. A while after I saw the young

Magdelaine Field, is a place to walk in at *Valledolid*, as *Moore*-Fields in young London.

young Gentlewoman, who had taken vp a Lodging, where shee lay backwards, and did let her fore-
roomes, to get wherewith to main-
taine her selfe and her Gallant. As
for the old Woman, she fell againe
to her old Trade in that Citie:

CHAP. XIII.

*How Lazaro was Gentleman Vsher
to seven senerall Women
at one time.*

I Came to *Valledolid* with six Ri-
als in my Purse; by reason that
euery one seeing mee so leane
and so pale, did giue me their Cha-
rities very freely, and I was not
slacke in receiuing. I went direct-
ly to the Brokers; where for foure
Ryals and a Quartillo I bought me
a long Frize Cloake, that had been
some Portugals, euen as thredbare
as tattered and vnsowne; where-
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with, and a high Steeple-crowned
Hat, with broad brims, like a *Franci-
scan* Fryer, that I bought for halfe
a Ryall, and with a staffe in my
hand, I walked the streetes. All
that saw me, did laugh at me, and
euery one gaue mee their Squib.
One called mee *Tauerne* Philoso-
pher: another, Behold where *Saint
Peter* goeth, apparelled as on a ho-
ly-day Eue. Some would say, Gen-
tleman of *Portugall*, will you haue
any Grease to anoint your Bootes.
Othrs there were, who affirmed,
that I seemed to be the Ghost of
some Hospitall Physician. But I
with Merchants cares, heard all,
sayd nothing, and still passed on.
I had not gone through many
Streets; when I met a Woman
with a great Fardingale; and Par-
tens of the largest size, who leaned
her hand vpon a Boyes head, and
was couered with a *Cypres* Veyle
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unto her stomacke; she asked me, if I could tell her of any Gentleman-Vsher: I answered her, that I knew of none, but my self, of whom (if it pleased her) she might dispose as of her owne. The agreement was made betwixt vs without any farther delay, she promising mee for meat, drinke and wages, three quartillos a day. I tooke possession of the Office, and gaue her my arme, and threw away my staffe, as hauing now no more need of it, for I carried it onely to be thought sicke, and moue people to compassion. Shee sent the Boy home, bidding him tell the Maide shee should lay the Cloth, & make ready dinner. She led me about two houres vp and downe from one place to another. The first visite we came at, the good Gentlewoman warned me, that whē we came nigh the house that she was to goe to, I should

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should run before and inquire if the Master or the Mistris were within, and say, My Mistresse *Leane Perez* (for that was her name) is here, who desireth to kisse their hands. She told me moreouer, that when she did stay any where, I was neuer to haue my Hat on before her: I answered her, that I knew very well the dutie of a Seruant, and that I would performe it. I had an exceeding desire to see the face of my new Mistresse, but I could not, because she was veiled. She told me that she could not maintaine mee alone for her selfe; but that shee would finde some of her neighbors whom I might serue, and that betweene them they would giue mee the consideration shee had promised mee, and in the meane time (till they were confortd, which would bee verie shortly) she would pay me her part.

Shee asked me, if I knew where to lye a Nights? I told her, No. You shall not want Lodging (said she) for my Husband is a Taylor, and hath Prentices, with whom you shall share Bedding: You could not haue found a better place in the whole Citie; for before three dayes be at an end, you shall haue six Mistresses, and euery one shall giue you a Quarto, which will be three Blankes more than I haue promised you. I could not but wonder at the state and grauitie of that Woman, who seemed (at the least) the Wife of some great Gentleman, or wealthy Citizen: and withall, it astonished me to consider, how for three poore Quartillos, and three Blankes a day, I was to waite vpon seuen Mistresses. But I considered, that something was better than nothing, and that the Office was not painefull, a thing

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are three
farthings.

thing I hated as the Diuell himselfe: for I haue alwaies chosen rather to eate Cabbage and Garlike without working; than to worke, and feed vpon Hennes and Capons. When wee came home, shee gaue me her Veyle and Pattens, to deliuer them to the Maid, and then I saw what I so much desired. I found, that my little Woman was handsome enough; shee was browne, of a good behauiour, and comely feature. What I only disliked in her, was, that her face did shine like an Earthen Porringer varnished. She gaue me the Quarto, bidding me come twice a day, once at eight a clocke in the morning, and againe at three in the afternoone, to know if she would goe abroad, or no. I went from thence to a Cookes-shop, and with a Pye of a quarto I made an end of my allowance, passing the rest of the day like

like a Cameleon; for I had already spent the Almshouses that had been given me upon the way, and durst not fall a begging againe, for my Mistresse (if shee had knowne it) would haue eaten mee quicke. I went to her house at three a clocke; she told me, that she would not go forth, but that she would haue me know, that from thence forwards she would pay nothing that day shee went not abroad, and if so be shee went out but once in a whole day, I should then haue but

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 dy is the said, that since she allowed mee
 least money my bedding, she did also expect
 they haue to be serued before all others, and
 in Spaine, that I should entitle my selfe
 & is worth her seruant. The Bed (to speake
 a little a- truth) was such, as it deserved
 boue halfe well that prerogative and much
 a farding more, for shee made mee lye
 of our with her Prentises vpon a great
 money. Table,

Table, and the diuell any thing else there was, but an old rotten thred-bare Blanket to couer vs. I passed foure dayes with the plentiful Diet that foure Maraue- uedies could afford me, and at the end of them, there entred into the society a Tauerners Wife who was aboute an houre in bargaining for the poore Quarto. To conclude, within five dayes I found seuen Mistresses, and seuen Quartos a day of allowance, so that I began to liue very splendidiously, drinking not of the worst Wine, though not altogether of the best, that so I might cut my Cloake according to my cloath. The other five were, a Sergeants widdow, a Gardners wife, the bare footed Nunnes Chaplaines Neece (for so she stiled her selfe) a Wench for any thing; and a Tripe-wife, whom I did best affect,

affect, becaule that when shee did pay me her Quarto, she would alwaies bid me to some of her Tripebroath, of the which before I went out of her house, I would send some three or foure Porrengers full into my guts; so that I liued so well that I pray God I may neuer liue worse. The last was a deuout woman (called a *Beata*) with whom I had more to doe, than with all the rest; for mee neuer visited any but Monkes and Friers, with whom when she was alone, she was in her kingdome: her house was like a Bee-Hiue, some went out, and other came in, but all of them with their great sleeues stored with one thing or other. They gaue me (that I might be secret) some pieces of meate, which they saued in their sleeues, out of their allowance in the Couent. I neuer saw in all my life a better hypocrite than this
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my Mistresse was; when she went through the streete she neuer lifted her eyes from the ground, and her beades were neuer out of her hands wherewith shee still mumbled her prayers. Al such as knew her would desire her to pray to God for them, for without doubt her prayers were very acceptable vnto him. Shee would answer them, that shee was a great sinner (wherin shee lyed not, but coozened them with the naked truth.) Now had euery one of these my Mistresses their set houres, when one had told mee that she would not stirre forth, I went to another till I had ended my taske. But especially I was (and that without faile) to go find them againe at my appointed time; for if by mischance I missed neuer so little, then would my Mistresse, before all the company that she visited, scold and rayle me out of my skin

skin; and threaten me, that if I continued in this carelesnesse & negligence, she would seeke out another Gentleman-Viher that should bee more diligent, obseruant, and punctual. So that to heare her brawle & threaten with such arrogancy, a mā would haue thought she had giuen me euery day 2. Ryals for my diet onely, and 30. Duckets a yeere standing Wages. When they went abroad, one would haue taken them for the wiues of some Presidents of *Castilla*, at the least of some Counsellours. It fortun'd one day that the Chaplaines Neece; and the Sergeants Wife met together in a Church, and being both of them to returne home at the same time, there arose a great controuersie betweene them, which of the two I was to accompany, making a noyse as if they had bin in a Faire. They pulled and tugged me, one of this

side,

side, another of that side, with such rage and fury, that at length they tore my Cloake in pieces, leauing me starke naked; for the diuell any other cloathes had I vnder it but a ragged shirt that looked like a fishermans net. Those that through the casements thereof did cast their eyes vpon the nudity of my flesh, did burst out into extreme laughter. Some would mocke poore *Lazarillo*; & others gaue eare to the two women who pulled their grandfathers out of their graues. The haste I had to gather vp againe the pieces of my Cloake, which, for being somewhat too ripe, were fallē to the ground, would not permit me to heare what they said one to another; only I heard the widdow say, Where hath this Baggage (I wonder) gotten all this pride? but yesterday shee was a Tankardwench, & to day she ruffles it in her silkes,

filkes, at the cost of the soules in Purgatory. The other replied, But you Mistresse Wag-taile do mince it in your Stammel, earned of those who with a *Deo gratias*, and a God reward you, do pay for whatsoever they possesse: and if I yesterday carried the water Tankard, you beare to day the wine Bottle. The company that stood by parted them, for they had already one another fast by the haire. Having gathered vp the dismembred member of my poore cloake, I asked a couple of pinnes of a mumbler of Pater-nosters that was there, wherewith I mended it as well as I could to hide my nakednesse: and leaving them brawling, I went me to my Mistresse the Taylors wife, who had warned me to come and fetch her at eleuen a clocke, because shee was to goe to dinner at a friends house; when shee say mee in this pickle

pickle, she began to fall a scoulding at me; saying, What doe you think to earne my money by waiting on me thus like a Rogue? with farre lesse wages than I giue you I could haue a Gentleman-Vsher with handsome Trousers, a neat Doublet a good Cloake, and a comely Bonnet; and you doe nothing but Tipple. vp all I giue you. What Tipling (said I to my selfe) with seuen poore Quartos that I earne a day, when I earne the most, for many passed that my Mistresses for feare of paying mee my Quarto, would not goe abroad. She made the peeces of my Cloake to bee stitched one to another, and for very haste they put them vpside downewards, in which manner I waited on her.

CHAP. XIIII.

*Lazaro rehearsed what happened
at a banquet.*

WE posted like a Frier inuited to a feast; for the good Lady feared there should not be enough for her. We came to her friends house, where we found other women that were likewise inuited, who asked my Mistresse, Whether I was sufficient to keepe the doore? shee answered them, Yes. Then they said to me, Stand here brother, to day you shall fare Royally. There came in many Gallants, euery one pulling out of his pocket, this man a Partridge, and that man a Henne; one brought forth a Rabbet, another a paire of Pigeons; this a piece of Mutton, that a chine of Porke; some drew out Sawfises or Chit-

terlings:

terlings: and such a one there was, that pulled out a Pye of a Ryall wrapped vp in his Handkercher. They deliuered all to the Cooke, and whilst dinner was in preparing, they sported with the Gentlewoman. What passed there betweene them, is neither lawfull for me to rehearse, nor for the Reader to contemplate. But the play being ended, meat was serued in, and all fate downe; the Gentlewomen plying the dishes soundly; and the Gallants taking their Cups roundly. What remained vpon the table, the women put it vp in their pockets. The Gentlemen returning to their handkerchiefs, drew forth their last course. One broght out apples, another Cheese; another Oliues, & one of them (who was the chiefe and stitched the Tailers wife) drew out halfe a pound of Comfirs. This manner of carying meat so neere

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at hand for any necessity, did please me wondrous well; and therefore from thence forwards, I purposed to make three or foure pockets in the first breeches that God should send me (for at that time I had not any) and one of them should be such leather as blacke Jackes are made of, very well sowne to put porridge in. For if those Gallants that were so rich; and so noted, did bring all the prouision in their pockets: and the Gentlewomen did carry it away crammed within theirs. I (who vvas but Vsher to a crew of Cockatrices) might very well do it. We went at length among vs seruants to dinner, and the diuell any thing else was there for vs, but porridge and Sops. I wondred that the good Ladies had not also put that into their wide sleeues. We had hardly begun to eat, when we heard a great

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noyse in the Roome where our Masters were. They disputed who their Parents had beene, and what the Womens husbands were; vntill that leauing words, they fell roundly to blowes, and pell-mell one with another, did let hands, feete, teeth, and nayles doe their function; in scratching, biting, kicking, cuffing, and tugging one another by the haires. The occasion of this Vprore (as farre as I could vnderstand) was, that some of the Gallants would neither giue, nor pay any thing to the Gentlewomen, telling them, that what they had eaten, did suffice. It chanced that vpon this stirre, a Commissarie, with other Officers of Justice, did passe through the street; who hearing the noyse, come to the Doore, and charged them to open in the Kings Name: Which words being heard, euery one beganne to

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runne, one this way, another that way: One left his Cloke, another his Sword: This Woman left her Pattens; that, her Veyle: so that all vanished, and hid themselves, euery one where best hee could. I, (who had done nothing for which I should runne away) did not stirre; but (as I was Porter) opened the Doore, least they should accuse mee to haue resisted the Kings Officers. The first Sergeant that entred, taking first hold of me by the necke, said, That hee arrested mee: and being thus in his hold, they shut fast the Doores, and went to seeke those that had made the noyse. They left no Chamber, Closet, Buttery, Cellar, Garret, nor Priue vnsearched: but seeing they could finde no body, they tooke my examination. I confessed from one end to the other, who those were that were

were there, and what they had done. They wondred, that there being so many, as I sayd, they could not finde any: And, to speake the truth, I my selfe was much amazed at it, for there were twelue Men, and sixe Women. Wherefore I told them (as indeede I did beleue it) that I thought, that all those that had beene there, and made that noyse, were Spirits; whereupon they fell a laughing at me. The Commissarie asked those that had beene in the Cellar, if they had searched well in euery corner? They answered him, Yes. But he, not satisfied therewith, caused a Torch to be lighted, to goe downe himselfe. Entering at the Doore, they saw a great Tubbe rowle vp and downe the Cellar; wherewith the Sergeants beeing frightened, beganne to runne away, saying;

By God this man saith true, here are nothing but Hobgoblins. The Commissary, who was more craftie, stayed them, saying, That he did not feare the Diuell; and with that, went to the Tub, and opening it, found within it a Man and a Woman, both of them as naked as their Mother brought them into the World, by reason, that when the said Commissary did knocke at the doore, they were a bed together vpon termes of agreement, and had not had the leasure, vpon the sudden Alarum, to take their Clothes; but as they were, had hid themselues within that empty Tub. They were all amazed to see them both so faire; but casting Cloakes vpon them, they committed them to the custodie of two Sergeants, and went on to seeke the others. The Commissarie discovered a great Earthen Vessell full of Oyle;

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within the which hee found a man cloathed, and vp to the brest in the said Oyle: who (as soone as they perceiued him) thought to haue leaped forth; which he could not doe so artificially, but that both hee and the Vessell came to the ground, so that the Oyle did rebound vp to their Hats, and without any respect, stained them all; which made them curse both the Office, and the Deuill that first inuented it. The Oylie man, seeing that no body did stay him, (but to the contrary, that all fled from him as from a mad Dogge) betooke himselfe to his heeles; and though the Commissary cryed out, Stay him, Stay him, yet neuerthelesse euery one gaue him way, so that he went out at a backe-doore, pissing Oyle, of the which he had enough out of his Garments, to maintaine the Lampe of our Lady of Distres-

les a month and more. All the Officers remained drenched in Oyle, cursing him that had brought the thither, and me also: for they said, I was the Baud, and for such a one should be punished. They came out of the Cellar, as Fritters out of a Frying-panne, leaving a tract wherefoever they passed. They were so angry, that they vowed to God and the foure Euangelists, to hang all those that they found; which made vs prisoners to stinke for feare. They went to Corne and Meale roomes to seeke out the rest; and being there, from aboue through a trap-doore was a Sacke of Meale powred vpon them; wherewith they were all blinded, and cryed out, Violence to the Kings Officers: and if they thought to open their eyes, they were instantly closed vp with water and Meale. Those that had the kee-

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ping of vs, left vs to goe helpe the Commissary, that roared out like a mad-man. But they were scarce entred, when their eyes also were filled with Meale and Water: so that they went vp and downe, as if they had beene playing at Blind-man-buffe; and meeting one another in this manner, did interchange such Cuffes and Blowes, that they brake one anothers Chops, and Teeth. When wee saw them in such disorder, wee came in vpon them, and they vpon themselves with such might, that being weary, and out of breath, they fell to the ground, where blowes and spurnes fell vpon them as thicke as hayle, vntill they were as still as if they had beene dead: for if any one did but open his mouth to grunt neuer so little, hee had it straightwayes filled with meale, and crammed like a Capon.

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Wee bound them hand and foot, and carryed them into the Cellar, and threw them into the Oyle, like Fishes to be fryed, where they wallowed like Hogges in the myre. Then did wee shut vp all the doores, euery one returning to his owne house. The owner of the House, where these Reakes were played (who was gone into the Countrey) comming home presently after, and finding the doores fast, and that no body did answer (by reason that a Neece of his, to whom he had incharged his house, which shee had lent for that meeting, was gone home to her Fathers, for feare of her Vnckle) hee caused the doores to be broken open. But when he found his house all strewed with Meale, and bedawbed with Oyle, he was so vexed, that he tooke on as if hee had beene drunke: then he went into
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his Cellar, where he found all the Oyle spilt, and the Officers tumbling in it. With rage and madnesse to see his goods spoiled after this manner, he tooke a great Cudgell, and gaue the Commissary and the Sergeants so many blowes, that hee left them for halfe dead: then calling his neighbours to his ayde, they carried them into the street, where the Boyes fell a throwing Mudde, Durt, and Shoo-clours vpon them, for they were so full of Meale, that no body could know them. When they came againe to themselves, and perceiued they were in the Street, and vnbound, they presently rose vp, and betooke themselves to their heeles; so that one might very wel then haue said, Stop the Constable. They left behind them their Cloakes, Swords, and Daggers; not daring to returne againe for them, that no
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body might know the Businesse. The master of the house tooke possession of all, in recompence of the losse hee had sustained. When I went out of the house, to goe my way, I met with a Cloake that was none of the worst, which I tooke vp, and left mine in stead of it. I gaue God thanks, that I came off so well in that dayes aduenture; which was a new world to me, who was wont alwayes to goe by the worst. I went to the Taylors Wiues House, where I found a great hurly-burly, and the Taylor taking measure of his Wiues ribs with a good Cudgell, because she was come home alone, without Veyle or Pattens, running through the streets with more than an hundred Boyes at her tayle. I came in good time: for as soone as the Taylor saw mee, he left his Wife, and fell vpon my lacke, giuing me

me a blowe with his fist ouer the face, wherewith he struck out those few Teeth that I had left me, and some tenne or twelue spurnes in the guts, that made me cast vp againe that little which I had eaten. What, (said he) infamous Baud, are you not ashamed to come to my house? You shall surely now pay your old and new Score both at once: and calling vnto his Seruants to bring foorth a Blanket, they put mee into it, and tossed mee at their pleasures, and my great grieve, leauing me for dead; and in that case they laid mee vp-on a Bench, being already night. When I came againe to my selfe, and thought to haue stirred, I fell to the ground, and with the fall, I brake one of my Armes. The day beeing come, by little and by little I crawled vnto a Church Gate: Where, with a pittifull

pittifull voice, I craued the charitable Almes of such persons as went in and out.

CHAP. XV.

*How Lazaro made himselfe
an Hermite.*

Lying at the Church Doore, and making a collection of my former life; I considered all the misfortunes that I had passed, from the day that I began to serue the Blind man, vntill the present instant: And all Reckonings made vp, I found, that rising early, did not bring on the day faster, nor continuall toyle make a man alwaies rich; but as the Song saith:

The early riser doth not thrive:

So well as he whom God doth drine,

To him I recommended my selfe,
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that the end might prooue better than eyther the beginning or the middle had beene. It was my chance to be close to a venerable and white-bearded Hermite, hauing a Staffe and Beades in his hand, at the end whereof did hang a Deaths-head, of the bigheffe of a Conies. This good Father seeing me distressed, with kind and mild speeches began to comfort me, asking me from whence I was, and what chances had brought me to this estate? I, in few and compendious termes, gave him to vnderstand the long and large extent of my bitter and painfull Pilgrimage. Hee was amazed to heare me, and moued with piety and pity towards me, he invited me home to his Hermitage. I accepted of his offer; and as well as I could (which was with no little paine) we came to the Oratory, which was two miles

miles from thence in a Rocke, close to the which there was a Chamber with a hollownesse in one of the wals, where his bed stood. Within the Yard was a Cisterne with fresh water, wherewith he watred a garden, more curious and neate, than vaste and spacious. Here (said the good old man) haue I liued these twenty yeers, free from the jarring and vnquietnesse of the World: this is (my Brother) the earthly Paradise. Here doe I contemplate both diuine and humane matters: here do I fast when I am filled, and eate when I am hungry: here doe I watch, when I cannot sleepe; and sleepe, when I am weary of watching. Here am I solitary, when I want company; and am accompanied, when I am not alone. Here doe I sing, when I am merry; and weepe, when I am sad. Here doe I worke, when I am not idle; and am

am idle, when I doe not worke. Here do I thinke vpon my bad life that is passed; and consider the good one that is present. Heere, lastly, it is where all things are vnknowne; and where the knowledge of all things is attained. It did mee good at the heart to heare the merrily disposed Hermite: And therefore I desired him to giue me some notion of the Hermiticall life, for it seemed to mee the Quintessence of all others. It is by so much the best (answered hee) that hee onely can tell who hath made tryall of it: but wee cannot now haue leysure to discourse any farther vpon it, by reason that it is dinnertime. I intreated him to giue me some remedie for my arme, which was very sore. Hee did it with such ease and facilitie, as from thence forwards it pained mee no more.

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Wee did eate like Kings, and dranke like *Germans*. Dinner being ended, in the middest of our Noone-sleepe, the good Hermite began to cry out, I dye, I dye. I presently arose, and found him ready to giue vp the Ghost. Seeing him in this case, I asked him if he was a dying; hee answered me, I, I, I: and onely repeating I, dyed within an houre after. I found my selfe in a pecke of troubles; considering, that if the man did dye without witnesses, one might say, that I had killed him, and so it would cost me my life, which till then with so much adoe I had preserved; and that few witnesses would serue to convince me of the Fact, by reason that my Garbe and Fashion would make me be taken rather for a Robber vpon the high-waies, than for a man of worship. I came instantly out of the Cell,

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to see if I could finde thereabouts any body, to be a witnesse of that death: and looking on euery side, I perceiued a flocke of Sheepe not farre from thence, towards the which I went in all haste (though not without paine, feeling the Taylor still vpon my bones) where I found six or seuen shepheards, and foure or fiue shepheardesses, vnder the shade of certaine Willowes, neere adjoyning to a delightful and cleare Spring. The Shepheards did pipe, the Shepheardesses did sing; some capered, and others danced: one held a Wench by the hand, another slept in another Wenchs Lap. Briefely, they all passed away the heat of the day in Loue-games, & pleasant discourses. I came vnto them panting & out of breath, desiring the, that without any stay they would come with me, for the Hermite lay a dying. Some of them fol-

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lowed me, leauing the rest to keep their flocks. Being entred into the Hermitage, they asked the good Hermite, whether he did meane to die? who answered them, I, (but he lyed, for he had no mind to it, but was forced to it against his will.) When I saw that he persisted still in one & the same note, answering I, to all questions; I asked him, if he intended that those Shepheards should be his Executors? he said, I. I asked him, if he did not make me his sole and lawful heire? he answered, I. I went on asking him, if he did not acknowledge and confesse, that whatsoeuer hee did or might possesse, was due vnto me, both for my good and acceptable seruices, as for diuers things which he had receiued of me? he againe said, I. which I, I wished might haue bin the last accent of his life. But as I perceiued, that there was yet some
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breath in his body (fearing lest he should bestow it to my losse and dammage) I went on still with my demands, causing one of the Shepheards to note downe all that hee said: which the Shepheard did with a Coale against the Wall, because hee had neither Penne nor Inck-horne. I asked him, If he was not content, that that Shepheard should signe and subscribe for him vnto his Will, since hee himselve was vnable to doe it? he answered I, I, I, and thereupon dyed. We tooke order for his buriall, making a Graue for him in his Garden, with the greatest speed that might be, for the feare that I had lest he should rise againe. I desired the Shepheards to take part of a Col-lation; but they thanked me, by reason that it was already time to driue forth their Cattell for to feede: and so they departed;

saying, they were very heuy for my losse. I locked fast the doore of the Cell, and ransacked instantly euery corner. I found a great Earthen Vessell full of good wine, and another of Oyle; two Pots of Honey, two sides of Bacon, much powdered Meat, and some dryed Fruits; all which did please me very well, but yet it was not that which I did seek. I found his Chests full of Linnen; and in a corner of one of them, a Womans garment. Although that made me wonder, yet I wondred more, that a man so prouident and thrifty as hee was, should be without Money. I was in mind to goe to his Graue, and aske him where he had put it; and me thought, that hauing asked him, he made me this answer: Thou Foole, dost thou thinke, that living in this vneighbourd and solitarie place, at the mercy of euery Rogue and Theefe,

I was to keepe within a Trunke (in danger of losing it) that which I loued & esteemed more thā my life? This inspiration (as if really I had receiued it from his mouth) made me seek in euery corner: but finding nothing, I considered with my self, that if I were to hide Money in such a place as nobody might find it, where would I put it? I said, within yonder Altar; to the which I went instantly, and lifting vp the Cloth that hung before it; at one side of it, being all of Bricke, I perceiued a Chinke wide enough one-ly to put through a Ryall of eight. My bloud began to rise, & my hart eight, is worth 4. shillings. to pant. I tooke a Pick-axe, and in lesse than two blowes, I threw halfe the Altar to the ground, and disco-uered the Reliques that were there intombed. I found a pot of Money, which I told out, and found the summe to be six hundred ryals.

The ioy & content that I receiued was so great, that I had like to haue died. I took it frō thence, & digged an hole without the Hermitage, where I buried it, that (if I were driuen from thence) I might find without, that which I so highly & dearly cherished. That done, I clothed my selfe in the Hermits weeds, & went to the City, to giue notice to the Prior of the Society, of what was passed; not forgetting before I went, to mend vp againe the Altar as it was before. It was my fortune to meet all the Brethren together, of whom the Hermitage did depend, which was consecrated to Saint *Lazaro*; whence I gathered a good prognostick for my selfe: who when they saw me already gray-headed, and of an exemplary aspect (which is most requisite for such Professions) although they found one difficulty, which was, that I had

no Beard (because it was not yet growne againe, hauing shaued it not long before) yet notwithstanding, seeing (by the report of the Shepheards) that the deceased had made me his Heire, they gaue me the hold & possession of the Hermitage. But now I speake of beards, I remember what a certain Frier did once tell me, wch was, that in their order, and in others of the most reformed sort, they neuer make any Superior, vnlesse he be wel furnished with beard: by means whereof it cōmeth to passe, that many who are sufficiēt & capable to exercise that charge, are excluded, & others preferred to the same, though vnworthy, so that their chin be wel stored with downe: as if to rule & gouern wel, did rather depēd of haires, thā of a good & ripe vnderstāding. The Brothers admonished me to liue according to the example & good

reputation of my Predecessour, which was such, as euery one held him for a Saint. I told them, that I would shew my selfe a *Hercules*. They warned me likewise, that I should not begge but vpon Tuesdays and Saturdaies, because if I did otherwise, the Fryers would punish me. I promised them to fulfil in all points what they should ordaine me (and the rather, because I had no great minde to come into their clutches, hauing already tried of what mettle their hands were made.) I began then to begge from doore to doore, with a low, humble and deuout tone (as I had learned in the Blind mans schoole) and that not for any need, but because it is a vse & custom among beggers, who the more they haue, the more they desire, & with more gust. The folks that did heare me say, Pray bestow something towards the lamp of the
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good Saint *Lazaro*, and did not know the voice, came out to the Doore, and seeing me, did wonder much, and asked me where the Father *Anselmo* was? (for so was the good old man called) I told them that he was departed this world. The one said, Now God be with him, and giue him good rest, that was so good a man. The others, May his blessed Soule enioy celestiall happinesse. Some said, Blessed be he that led such a life; for in fixe yeeres hee hath not eaten any hot meat whatsoeuer. Others said, He fasted with Bread and Water. Some foolish and superstitious women would kneele downe and call vpon the Father *Anselmo*. One asked mee what I had done with his habit. I told her that it was the same that I did weare. She (without saying what she would haue) pulled out her Sizars, and begunne
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to cut off a piece of that she could first lay hold on, which was iust before my fore-parts; wherupon I began to cry out, fearing shee would haue gelded me. But she seeing me so dismaid, said, Feare not Brother, for I wil not be without a relique of that blessed man, but I will pay for the damage done to your garment. Ah (said some) without doubt before six months be at an end, he wil be canonized, for he hath done many miracles. There came so many to see his sepulchre, that the house was alwaies full; wherefore I thought it fit to bring him forth vnder a Pent-house before the hermitage: & frō thence forward, I begd no more for S. *Lazaros* Lamp, but for that of the Blessed *Anselmo*. I could neuer yet vnderstand that maner of begging; Giue to the Lampe, or for to light the Saints. But I will not harpe too much vpon that string, for it wil jar in

in the eares of those, who with the Saints oyle, do maintain the lamps of their stomacks. I cared not much to go to the city, hauing within the Cell what I desired; yet lest they should say I was rich, & therefore I did not beg, I went thither the day following, where befel me that wch you may read in the next Chapter.

CHAP. XVI.

How Lazaro would haue married againe.

Good lucke is better than a patrimony; to an vnfortunat man, a hog is no better than a Dog. We see oftentimes many men spring from the slime of the earth, and without knowing how, they finde themselves rich, honored, feared, and esteemed. If you aske, Is that man learned? one will answer you, As an Asse. Is he wise? As a Wood-cocke. Hath hee any good qualities? As many as a Carman.

man. From whence then commeth to him all his wealth? One will tell you, From Fortune. And contrariwise, many that are discrete, wise, prudent, full of a thousand perfections, and fit to rule a kingdom, doe see themselves needy, scorned, dejected, and made the Dish-Clouts of the world. If you demand the reason hereof: One will answer you, A crosse Fortune doth pursue them. The same (as I think) pursued and persecuted me, giuing in me an instance vnto the world of what she is able to doe; for since the foundation of it, no man hath beene so tossed by that vnfortunate Fortune. But to follow my discourse. I went through a street begging (as I was wont) for the good Saint *Lizaro*; (for I durst not begge within the Citie for the blessed *Anselmo*, that was onely for Idiots and superstitious

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women that came to rub their Beades vpon his sepulcher, where according to their sayings, many miracles were done.) And coming to a doore, and doing there as at others, I heard some body call mee from the staires head, saying, Come vp, father, come vp: What meane you to be so strange? I went vp, and vpon the midst of the stayres, (which were somewhat darke) certaine women met mee. The one hung about my necke, the others tooke me by the hands, dining with theirs into my pockets. All of them asked me, why they had not seen me these eight daies? But when we were come vp to the stayres head, and that by the light of the windowes they saw mee, they were all amazed, and looked one vpon another, as if they had beene *Matachines*; and in the end brake out into such laughter, that

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one would haue thought they did it for a Wager, none of them being able to vtter one word. The first that spake, was a little Boy, that said, This is not my Daddy. But when this fluxe of Laughter was somewhat ouer, the Women (who were foure) asked mee for whom I begged? I told them, for Saint *Lazaro*. For Saint *Lazaro*? said they. Why, is not the Father *Anselmo* well? Well? (answered I) yes sure, hee complaineth of nothing; for hee dyed eight dayes agoe. When they heard this, they fell all a roaring; and if their Laughing had beene before great, their Wayling was now greater. Some cryed; others pulled themselves by the hayres; all of them together made such a jarring Musique, that a Quire of hoarse Nunnes could scarce make a worse. One said,

said, What shall become of mee, Wretch that I am, without an Husband, without Defence, and without Counsell? Whither shall I goe? Who shall maintaine me? O heauie newes! What mischance is this? Another brake out thus: My deare Sonne in Law, and Master! How haue you forsaken vs, without bidding vs farewell? O my poore little Children, now Orphants, and comfortlesse, where is your good Father? The little Brats held the *Superius* of that vntuned Musique. Euery one wept, euery one tooke on; there was nothing but sobs, nothing but Waylings. But, when the Waters of thar great Deluge grew somewhat towards an Ebbe, they asked and enquired of mee, how, and of what Disease hee dyed. I told it them; as also the Will which hee made,

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leauing and ordaining mee for his lawfull heyre and successor. There was the blow. It was there that teares were turned into fury, sobs vnto blasphemies, and waylings into threatnings. You are some Thiefe that haue murthered him, to rob him; but you shall not brag of it (saide the yongest) for that Hermire was my Husband, and these three children are his: and vnlesse you do giue vs al his goods, and restore vnto me a garment that I lent him to disguise himselfe vpon Shroue-Tuesday, wee will make you to be hanged: and if Iustice be denyed, there are Swords and Pistols in the world, wherewith to make you lose a thousand liues, if so many you had. I told them that I had sufficient witnesses, before whom hee had made his Will. These are all trickes and gulleries (saide they) for the same day

day that you say he dyed, hee was here, and told vs, that hee had no company. After I had considered with my self, that the Will had not been made vnder the hands of Notaries, and that those women did threaten me, for the experience that I had of Law, and Suits, I determined to speake them faire, to try if by that meanes I might compasse that which by Law I was assured to lose: as also, for that the teares of the young Widow had penetrated to the interior parts of my heart. And so I desired them to be quiet, telling them, that they should lose nothing by me, and that if I had accepted to be his heyre, it was onely because I thought that the deceased was no married man, hauing neuer heard before that Hermits were married. They (all sadnesse and melancholy being cast off) began to laugh, saying, That they saw well that I was a

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 that Office, since I knew not, that
 when an Hermite is termed solita-
 ry, it is meant that hee is to bee se-
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 time, from those of speculation;
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 who nourished and kept foure, that
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 Mother, and those two her sisters,
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besides those three Infants that are
 his children, or at least that he held
 for such. Then she, whom they said
 to be his wife, said, that she would
 not be called the Widdow of that
 old rotten carkasse, that had not re-
 membered her at his death; and that
 shee would be sworne, that those
 children were none of his, and that
 from that time she did annull and
 breake all contracts of Matrimony
 made betweene them. I then asked
 her, what the contents of that con-
 tract were? The Mother replied,
 saying: The matrimonial couenants
 that I made, when I married my
 daughter with that vngrateful man
 were these that follow; which, that
 you may the better vnderstand, I
 must of necessity begin farther off.
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 hauing only remaining these three
 daughters, of three sundry fathers,

who (to the neereſt coniecture) were a Monke, an Abot, and a Prielt, for I haue bin alwaies much deuoted vnto the Church. But at length I came to dwell in this City, to eſchew the rumours which are frequent in ſuch little places; for euery one termed me the Eccleſiaſtical Widow, by reaſon that (to my griefe) all three of them were dead. And though others preſently did ſupply their places, they were men of little gaine, and of leſſe authoritie, who not contenting themſelues with the Mother, laid ſnares to entrap the yong ones: which to preuent, ſeeing the danger eminent and that the gaine was not ſufficient to maintaine vs, here I pitched, and began to ſet vp. At the report of the three wenches, ſuitors came as thick as Gnats to the Wine-tap; but to none of them all did I euer incline ſo much as to Churchmen, being

being perſons that are ſecret, rich, thrifty, and patient. Now among others, the Hermite of S. *Lazaro* came a begging, and ſeeing this Maid, fell in loue with her, and in holineſſe and ſimplicity did deſire her of me for his Wife. I clapped vp the Match vpon theſe Articles and Conditions that I will tell you. Firſt, hee obliged himſelfe to feed our whole houſhold; and what we our ſelues could earne, ſhould be to apparel vs, and to put vp. Secondly, that if at any time my daughter did admit any Coadjutor, (hee being ſomewhat old and craſie) he ſhould not make any words of it. Thirdly, that he ſhould hold and eſteeme as his owne, all the Children that ſhe ſhould beare, to whom from that inſtant he aſſured all whatſoeuer he did or might poſſeſſe; and that comming to paſſe that my daughter ſhould be without iſſue, he did

make her his sole and lawfull heire. Fourthly, that he was not to come into our house, when he should see a Jarre, Pot, or other Vessell at the Window; a token, that then there was no roome for him. Fifthly, that if, he being in the house, any other did come, he was then to hide himselfe where we should bid him, vntill the other were departed. Sixtly and lastly, that he should be a mediator, to bring hither twice euery weeke some friend or acquaintance of his, to make merry with vs at their owne charges. These are (said she) the conditions, ypon the which that Wretch betrothed himselfe to my Daughter, and she to him. The marriage was made & ended, without either Priest or Curate; for he told me that it was needlesse, since the essence thereof did consist only in conformity of mindes and mutuall intentions. I was amazed at the

the speeches of that other *Celestina*, and at the articles of her daughters mariage: I was perplext, not knowing what to say, vntill they opened a passage to my desires: for the yong widow fell about my necke, saying, If that vnhappy man had had this Angels face, how much should I haue loued him? and with that; she kissed me. After this kisse, there entered into me I know not what, that began to set me a fire; so that without any delay, or farther discourse, I told her, That if she were minded to forsake her Widow-hood, and receiue me as her owne, I would not onely keepe and fulfill my Predecessors Couenants, but all others whatsoever that they would adde. They were well pleased with that, and sayd, That they onely desired, that I should put into their hands all that which was in the Hermitage, and that they

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would keepe it. I promised them so to doe, but with intent to conceale the Money for a need. The concluding of the Match was referred vnto the next day; and that afternoon they sent a Cart to the Cell, wherein they carried away all, euen to the ashes, not forbearing so much as the Altar-cloth, or the Saints Garments, I was so loue-nettled, that if they had asked me the *Phoenix*, or Water out of the *Stygian Lake*, I would haue giuen it them. They left me nothing but a poore Straw-bed, whereon I might cast my selfe like a Dogge. When the good Lady, my future Wife (who came with the Car.) saw that there was no Money, shee was angry (for the old man had told her that he had some, but not where) and asked me if I did not know where the Treasure lay? I told her, No. She, crafty and subtil as she was, tooke me

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by the hand, that we might go seek it together, & carried me into euery hole and corner of the Hermitage. As we went about the Altar, she perceiued the side of the Wall which was newly made vp, whereupon she entred into suspition of me. And therefore imbracing and kissing me, she said vnto me, I pray thee, my Loue, tell me where the money is, that we may make a merry Wedding with it. I still denyed that I knew of any. Then she taking me againe by the hand, made me walke out round about the Hermitage, still looking me in the Face, and when wee came to the place where I had hid the Money, my eyes were instantly towards it. She, who all this while watched but for that action, called straightwayes to her Mother, bidding her seek vnder a Stone that I had laid there, which she doing, met with the Mony, and

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I with my death. But shee dissembled, saying, Looke here, wee will liue a merry life with this. Then shewing me all manner of kindnes, they presently (becaule it grew late) retired to the Citie, and left me vntill the next morning, that I was to goe to their house, where we should make the merriest Wedding that euer was seene. God grant it (said I to my selfe.) Al that night I ballanced betweene hope and feare, lest those Women should deceiue me, although it seemed vnpossible vnto me, that a false heart should lurke vnder so good a face; for, as the *Biskey* said, If thy face be good, thy actions wil be answerable. That night was a yeere to me. It was yet scarce day, whē as locking vp my Hermitage, I went to be married, as if that had bin but a slight matter; not remembering that *Eluira* was my wife. I came to the house at their rising; where

where they receiued me with such ioy, that I accounted my self a happy man; & all feare laid aside, I began to ordaine and command as in mine owne house. We made such good cheere, & with such content, that I thought I was in a Paradise: We wanted not company, for they had invited fīue or six Women of their friends. After dinner, we fel to dancing; and though I was altogether ignorant therein, they forced me to doe the like. It was the best sport in the world to see me hobble vp & downe in my Hermits attire. But night being come, after a good supper, & better drinking, they carried me into a faire chamber, where there was a good bed, and bade me make my selfe vnready, & go to bed first, whilst my bride was vndressing. I did so, thogh cōtrary to the fashion of my country, where the womā hath that prerogatiue. A maid was left

left to helpe me off with my Stockings, who told me, that I must put off my shirt, for it was requisit that for some ceremonies that were yet to be performed, I should be starke naked. I obeyed her: but I was no sooner in the Bed, but all the Women, and my Bride among them, rushed into the Chamber; and the first thing they did, two of them tooke me by the feet, and two by the armes, & tied instantly 4. cords about them, wherewith they bound me to the foure Bed-posts, leaving me stretched like a *S. Andrew* vpon a Crosse; whereupon they all fell a laughing like mad folks, & I a roaring like a Bull. But they told me, vnlesse I held my peace, that I was a dead man. Then they took a great Basin of hot water, wherein they popped my head. I burned my self, & which was worse, if I thought to cry out, they so belaced mee with stripes,

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 stripes, that I was constrained to let the do their pleasure. They scalded off my beard, haire, eye-brows, and eye-lids, saying, A little more patience, & the ceremonies will be ended, & you shall enioy your desire. I intreated them to let me goe, for my itch of marrying was now cooled. But one of the boldest of them, drawing out a knife, said to the others, Hold him fast, and I will geld him a little, that his mortified flesh may not another time be tempted to copulation. The holy Hermite beleeued (I thinke) that all we told him had been Gospell, but ysaith it was not, nor Epistle neither. Hee would trust to women; he shall see now what will come on't. When I saw my precious stones in such danger, I struggled in such manner, as I brake one of the cords, and withall one of the Bed posts; being animated by a desire that I had, to keepe
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my Bells for a Morris-dance. They seeing what I had done, for feare lest I should breake all the Bed, vnbound me, & putting me in a sheet, they tossed me so long, that they left me for dead. These are, said they, Sir, the ceremonies wherewith our Wedding begins; if it please you to come againe to morrow, we wil make an end of the rest: & with that, foure of them took me vp, and carried me a good way from their house, and laid me in the midst of the Street; where the day found me, and the Boies began to run after me, and do me a great deale of mischief: so that, to auoid them, I ran into a Church, close to the High Altar, where they were at Masse. When the Priests saw such a sight, which questionlesse resembled the deuill that Painters vse to lay vnder *S. Michaels* feet; they all ran away, & I among them, to free
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my selfe from the misdemeanors of those Deuils incarnate. The people that were in the Church, cried out, some, Take heed of the Diuell; others, Beware of the Mad-man. I cryed out as well as they, that I was neither Deuill nor Mad man, but onely a poore fellow, whom God for my finnes had visited with that miserie. When they perceiued, that I was not what they took me to be, they all were quieted; the Priests returned backe againe, to make an end of their Masse; and the Sexton gaue me the Cloth of a Tombe, to wrap my selfe in. I went into a corner, where I considered the crosses of Fortune, & how on euery side man is beset with miserie, and therefore I determined to abide in that church & there end my daies (which, in regard of my former woes, could not be very long) and saue the Priests a labor of fetching me elsewhere, after my death.

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This is in ſumme (courteous Reader) the ſecond Part of the life of *Lazarillo*; without either adding or diminifhing, but euen as I haue heard my great Grandmother tell it. If thou doeſt like it, expect the third Part, which ſhall no leſſe delight thee.

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